

Committee(s): Police Authority Board	Dated: 27 October 2022
Subject: Commissioner's Update	Public
Which outcomes in the <i>City Corporation's Corporate Plan</i> does this proposal aim to impact directly?	1- People are safe and feel safe
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	N/A
If so, how much?	N/A
What is the source of Funding?	N/A
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?	N/A
Report of: Commissioner of Police Pol 90-22	For Information
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Summary

At the April 2022 Police Authority Board, it was agreed that the Commissioner's verbal updates would now be presented to the Board as formal written updates.

The *public* updates for Operations and Security and Economic and Cyber Crime are attached.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to note the report.

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Public Update – Operations and Security

Acquisitive & Violent crime

Operation Mantis commenced following the attempted robbery and knife attack at Bishopsgate on Thursday 6th October. Investigators from our Major Investigations Team worked tirelessly utilising every tactic and resource available. The Senior Investigating Officer was able to build evidence to support the arrest of two suspects and a connected individual with the first arrest being made within four days of the incident the second and third arrests made three days later. The first suspect Louis Parkinson has been charged with four offences including wounding with intent and possession of a bladed article. The second suspect Tyrone Dean was charged with a total of eight offences including robbery, actual bodily harm and three counts of wounding with intent. Both men have been remanded in custody and will be appearing on the 8th November (PARKINSON) and 11th November (DEAN) at Inner London Crown Court. The third suspect has been released under police bail to return on Friday 11th November 2022. Our Communications and Sector Policing teams are releasing regular information to the public and our community to provide reassurance and updates.

Operation Niven has been live since June following monitoring of crime trends. In September there were 52 theft snatch incidents, 3 of the snatch incidents were attempts. Compared to the previous month we have seen a 41% decrease in this crime type. The top locations for snatch incidents are Fleet Street and Eldon street, we are deploying officers to these and other locations in the City daily. We have made seven arrests since the last reporting period and continue to work with our Metropolitan Police colleagues to disrupt and detect this crime type by building intelligence on known offenders.

Night Time Economy

Op Reframe, was held on 30th September 2022, 39 licensed premises were checked resulting in two un-licensed members of door security being arrested on suspicion of fraud, 25 drinks were tested for ‘spiking’ substances and 10 visitors were supported by our welfare tent. The operation was well received and attended by our partners who continue to see the value of the operation

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

On 27th September officers and support agencies deployed as part of Op Luscombe to tackle homelessness, begging an anti-social behavior associated with the homeless community

Op Romsey continues to deploy officers to Bank Junction to detect / deter inconsiderate cycling and mopeds.

Professionalism & Trust

A final draft of our local Race Action Plan is soon to be finalised, we will hold a consolidation meeting with the Black Police Association and other partners, to streamline actions from the National Race Action Plan, and the BRAP Survey, into one action tracker

The Violence Against Women & Girls ‘Plan on a Page’ will be released this week to help our workforce to understand our key aims and objectives. This will enable us to embed its associated values throughout our organisation.

As part of our Inclusivity Programme launching in November, we will be presenting all officers and staff with a menu of options from which to choose their inclusivity sessions depending on their learning style and access requirements.

We are hosting a series of sessions at the Aviva HQ in the City across November and December to support development of our workforce.

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Public Update – National Lead Force- Economic and Cyber Crime

Economic Crime Briefing

The Economic crime briefing for the UK’s Economic Crime and ROCU leads around the country was held on the 11th October. It was very well attended with 39 forces committed delegates with a total of 12 Chief Officers in attendance. 162 attendees heard National Economic Crime updates from speakers including the Security Minister Rt. Hon. Tom Tugendhat MP MBE, Chief Crown Prosecutor Andrew Penhale, APCC Economic and Cybercrime Lead and the Chair of the City of London Police Authority Board James Thompson along with Assistant Commissioner Peter O’Doherty and Commander Nikolas Adams.

CRC Summit

The inaugural Cyber Resilience Centre Network Summit was held on 10th hosted by Microsoft. It brought together the regional and national CRCs, National Ambassadors (Microsoft, KPMG, The Very Group, Lockheed Martin, Chainalysis, CGI, Accenture, Mastercard) for the first time to meet and discuss the development of the Network. It was a really well attended and successful event which we will repeat in 6 months’ time.

Notable Operations

- Operation Corona – Investment fraud – 343 victims 5.4 million losses. Claimed to be selling Ecuadorian Gold mine rights. 4 defendants made guilty pleas during first week of trial. Sentencing will follow in November.
- Op Freyr, individual arrested for running a ‘Telegram’ group sharing data for large scale smishing and phishing scams.
- Operation Bloxswitch – Intensification period targeting sale of counterfeit football shirts in the build up to the World Cup in Qatar. Results from the first period are; £250k of goods detained, 3 arrests and £12k in cash seized.
- Operation Broadway intensification week is now underway. This is an investment fraud/boiler room disruption campaign. A national media campaign alongside the NCA, and Trading Standards will run alongside some targeted visits to serviced offices in the London area that potentially house suspicious companies. Serviced office staff will be given widescale advice on ceasing relations with suspect companies.

Action Fraud and FCCRAS

An in-depth meeting with committee members is now planned to give a ‘deep dive’ for the on-going Action Fraud update work. This will include finance, capability, and technological aspects.

A demonstration was delivered to the Home office off, showing all the features expected in the 2024 upgrade to Action Fraud. This resulted in a positive session. It has been agreed that the Home Office team will have access to a test version of the new website when it is ready.

Funding secured under project Agade (funding offered through NCA for projects) which will support extra staff.

Cyber

National cybercrime plan for policing has been agreed and signed off by the Economic and Cyber Crime Committee. This will improve the operational response, deliver the single HMICFRS inspection recommendation, develop policing cybercrime capability and capacity, extend strategic influence and communications, develop people strategy and delivering greater alignment and collaboration with economic crime.

Campaigns & Media

Action fraud - October is Cyber Security Awareness month. Action Fraud and partner agencies produced public facing output.

IFED - Ghost broker Awareness week working with partners and stakeholders.

PIPCU - High engagement with social media, operational press releases, visits to Interpol and a notable hacking case.

Chief Officer Team engagement - AC O'Doherty, James Thomson and Commissioner McLaren met with US Homeland Security Director to discuss on-going partnership and good works.

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