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National Cyber Awards

The Chair and the Commissioner attended the National Cyber Awards which recognise achievement in tackling cybercrime across policing and the private sector. We are evaluating the format of this and whether the City of London can play a more pivotal role in this important national event.

Cyber Resilience Centre Network Summit

The Police Authority was represented at the Cyber Resilience Centre Network Summit on 10 October, hosted by City of London Police and held in the offices of Microsoft. The summit enabled key contributors across the network and country to understand how each contributes to the national aims of the programme and how the network can work more closely together in the future.

It is clear that the NCRCG is having significant success engaging with major companies and also in supporting the roll out of student services under Cyber Path.

City of London Police Economic Crime Briefing

The Chair of the Police Authority Board spoke at the Economic Crime Briefing on 11 October, hosted by City of London Police and held in the offices of Aviva. Other speakers included the Security Minister, who reinforced the government's commitment to tackling economic crime. Attendees included chief officers and economic crime strategic leads from across policing and the wider counter fraud community.

Cyber Griffin – Member Session

A session for Members on Cyber Griffin was attended by 25 people was run on 18 October. The training was well received and the Police Authority will look at ways to promote the training.

Launch of the London Cyber Resilience Centre

The Chair of the Police Authority spoke at the launch of the London Cyber Resilience Centre on 25 October alongside the Deputy Mayor of Policing and Crime and the Commissioner of City of London Police. The launch of the centre will provide vital support for London's small and medium size enterprises and improve cyber resilience across the supply chain ensuring London is a safe place to do business. The launch also provided an opportunity to highlight the work the National Cyber Resilience Centre Group, led by the City, is doing to support the regional network.

Cyber Duty to Protect

The Home Office has launched a consultation on a duty to protect against cyber crime. City of London Police has been heavily involved in shaping this at a working level with government, providing invaluable operational and intelligence expertise. The Police Authority has submitted a response, outlining its support for a duty and the need for collective responsibility to prevent cyber crime. The response also highlights key work by City of London Police in support of the wider cyber agenda.

Homeland Security Investigations

The Police Authority hosted a lunch at Grocer's Hall for the Executive Director, Chief of Staff and Attache of Homeland Security Investigations (HSI). The City of London and HSI are collaborating on a range of public safety and national security threats including economic and cybercrime and intellectual property enforcement.

Hate Crime Awareness Week

Chairs of Police Authority Board and Policy & Resources provided statements of support for the anti-hate crime charity 17-24-30, and promoted social media activity to encourage reporting and signpost support services for victims. Hate crime has no place in London or the Square Mile and all reports will be taken seriously.

On Your Side (www.onyourside.org.uk) is a newly launched nationwide service, offering dedicated support for East and Southeast Asian victims of racism and/or other forms of hate available to residents in the City. The service includes a 24/7 freephone helpline available in East and Southeast Asian languages, a website with reporting forms and resources, and ongoing community-based support delivered by trained casework advocates.

Operation Reframe

The Chair of Police Authority Board joined an Operation Reframe deployment on a Friday night in early October and was truly impressed with the ambition of the operation and the scale of collaborative working.

Operation Reframe is a multi-agency initiative to ensure people enjoying the night time economy in the City are able to do so safely and with confidence. It is an excellent example of cross-departmental working involving the police, licensing, environmental health and communities departments of the Corporation, as well as external partners including Parkguard, the Security Industry Association, St John's Ambulance Service, London Fire Brigade, Network Rail, British Transport Police, Street Pastors and the Samaritans.

This visible partnership approach supports ambitions to create a safe and attractive destination for people who live and visit the City. Opportunities are available for Members to join these deployments in the run up to Christmas.

Salisbury Square

On 18 October, the Chair attended the unveiling of the first stone for the new City of London Police HQ and new Courts Building along with the Commissioner and Chair of Risk Resources and Estates. The new HQ is due for completion in 2026. The unveiling was attended and undertaken by the Lord Chancellor, Brandon Lewis.

APCC General Meeting

The Chair attended the quarterly APCC General Meeting. It included some positive messaging from the new Home Secretary and there was an opportunity for PCCs to meet the new Chief Executive of APCC who joins shortly. The Chair ran the recruitment panel for his selection. It is expected that January meeting of APCC will be held at Guildhall and for it to have a strong focus around fraud and cyber.

999 Day

999 Day, which was due to take place the day after Her Late Majesty the Queen passed away, was held on 19 October. A flag was raised at Guildhall to recognise the 2 million people who work and volunteer in the emergency services and a two minute's silence observed to remember the 7,500 people who have lost their lives as a result of their duties.