

Committee(s): Police Authority Board	Dated: 24 November 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 103-22	For Information
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Summary

At the April 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.

Acquisitive & Violent crime

Operation Roccotto, a high visibility, engagement operation was successfully completed on Wednesday 19th October. Over 70 officers were deployed across the City. We utilised our engagement hub to amplify phone theft and fraud crime prevention messages. Our residential hubs at Mansell Street and Barbican Estates supported us in engaging with residents to discuss local issues. The Sector Tasking Team and our Counter Terrorism Security Advisors (CTSA) conducted joint patrols with Security Officers from around the City and our Servator Teams deployed to magnify those patrols, engaging with the public and detecting hostile behaviours. The Roads Policing Unit conducted vehicle check points on Tower and Blackfriars Bridge to disrupt and detect drug supply which resulted in the arrest of a suspect found in possession of several wraps of a suspected controlled substance and a bladed weapon. Three entry points around the City were staffed with over 200 vehicles passing through the City subject to checks.

Operation Niven has been proactively tackling phone theft offences since June. This crime type is showing a 5% decrease since the last update. For October there have been 57 snatch incidents, peak days of the week are Monday, Wednesday, and Saturdays accounting for 55% of the incidents. We have recently arrested a suspect wanted on suspicion of five phone snatches. Our Pro-active Crime Team continue to work with our Metropolitan Police colleagues to disrupt and detect this crime.

Night-time Economy

Operation Reframe was held on 19th October, a total of nine Licensed premises were subject to a license check. Three premises were visited for reassurance and six were tested for drink spiking initiatives and ‘Ask For Angela’. One premises failed this drink spiking test and as a result will receive further engagement from our licencing team.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

As part of Operation Roccotto, a dedicated Operation Luscombe¹ team, supported by the Corporation of London’s Community Safety Team, focused on ASB and community issues. St Paul’s Cathedral hosted the Op Luscombe team who engaged with several members of the homeless community in a bid to reduce ASB relating to begging and homelessness. The residential hubs at Barbican and Mansell Street were supported by Park Guard and the Local councilor for the Barbican.

Professionalism & Trust

We are due to hold a consolidation meeting with the Black Police Association and other partners to streamline actions from the National Race Action Plan which will enable us to finalise our local Race Action Plan.

Our Inclusivity Programme² has been launched this month where we will be presenting our officers and staff with a menu of options from which to choose their inclusivity sessions depending on their learning style and access requirements.

Police Uplift

CoLP officer headcount is at 970, 46 uplift since the last report and on track to over recruit against the target in March currently.

¹ Operation Luscombe runs fortnightly at the Bishopsgate church, our Sector Tasking Team and Dedicated Ward Officers work with other support agencies to tackle homeless, begging and ASB associated with the homeless community. We maintain a close working relationship with the Corporation of London’s Community Safety Team to identify and refer individuals to support agencies where appropriate or deal with any offences reported.

² Mandatory ethics, diversity & culture programme, delivered in modules by different mediums.

Economic Crime Staff Development Day

The Economic Crime and Cyber Portfolio gathered for a briefing from senior leaders. This saw engagement across the whole portfolio bringing staff up to speed on national, regional, and local work and gave the opportunity to speak to senior leaders on direction and strategy.

Notable Operations

- National Lead Force teams – A trial began on Monday 14 November for 3 weeks. Operation Adonis is an investment fraud investigation centred on high-risk, high-reward Binary options trades. There are 172 victims with £2.2 million losses.
- Operation Quinn (courier fraud). The team executed a warrant finding a single suspect with £100k cash in a cardboard box. Hundreds of thousands of pounds of designer clothing and goods were seized having been purchased using credit card details. On 9 November 2022 he was sentenced to a total of 2 years 6, months’ imprisonment.
- 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 took place this month. Disappointingly sentences handed down were suspended. PSI Hayley Wade was formally commended by the judge for the high quality of her work.

Action Fraud and FCCRAS

The FCCRAS Procurement Committee approved Procurement Recommendations for the new system on Wednesday 2 November, with the final step of this phase in approvals, being a report submitted to the Court of Common Council. Further reports are due at December PAB and FCCRAS Procurement Committee on the Full Business Case.

Cyber

Detective Chief Superintendent Gould gave evidence to the Parliamentary Economic Crime & Corporate Transparency Bill Committee on 25th October in relation to its cryptocurrency provisions. We are supportive of the Bill and have had an effective input around the powers it contains.

Campaigns & Media

Christmas Campaign

The Christmas online shopping campaign launches on the 14th November. This work has included the National Cyber Security Centre and will use social media, websites and radio output. This campaign has used research to give targeted online Christmas shopping advice to help consumers avoid falling victim to scams.