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The national thematic report on vetting, misconduct and misogyny in the police service provides a concerning picture. The Chair welcomes the City Police's intention to review the national recommendations and present its findings to PSI Committee. Public trust in the police is fundamental to effective community policing and people rightly expect officers to act with integrity and professionalism. Policing must ensure they are operating within a culture of equality, diversity, and inclusion and maintaining the highest standards. It is vital that all forces across the country take action to get recruitment, vetting and misconduct processes right.

NPCC / APCC Partnership Summit

The Chair attended the partnership summit which provided an opportunity for chief constables and PCCs to discuss key policing issues including reducing crime, improving outcomes and rebuilding public confidence. The Home Secretary and Shadow Home Secretary provided keynote speeches setting out their future ambitions for policing. The Home Secretary also highlighted the investment being made in fraud capabilities across City of London Police, ROCUs and the National Crime Agency.

Economic crime

Following the deep dive on the Fraud and Cyber Crime Reporting and Analysis Centre, it was agreed to provide Members with a wider overview of the fraud and cyber landscape, to understand City of London Police's role within this. This has been organised for the afternoon of 7 December (1430-1600).

The National Audit Office published a report on progress combating fraud ([Progress combatting fraud - National Audit Office \(NAO\) report](#)) which built upon the report they published in 2017. The current report focuses on the need to tighten up coordination of the whole system approach to tackling fraud. The Police Authority has previously highlighted that tackling fraud is a universal issue requiring a whole system approach in which financial services, social media and technology companies have a critical role to play alongside law enforcement. It is expected the Home Office's fraud strategy will be published shortly, which will help set the strategic direction for the system for the next few years.

The House of Lords cross-party Fraud Act 2006 and Digital Fraud Committee published its report ([The UK has retreated from the fight against fraud, says Lords Committee - Committees - UK Parliament](#)). The report's recommendations are welcome, in particular the recommendation for delayed banking transfers on high-risk payments to help protect individuals from being pressured into fraudulent savings transfers.

Violence Against Women and Girls

City Police and the Corporation are planning a number of events in the City as part of White Ribbon Day on 25 November and the subsequent 16 days of national action against violence against women and girls. This includes an Operation Reframe deployment on 3 December attended by the Chair and Deputy Chair, and the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime. On 5 December (830-1000), the Police Authority is hosting a briefing which will provide Members with an opportunity to learn about how the City Police and Corporation are working together, and with partners, to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour linked to the night time economy, including creating a safer environment for women and tackling violence against women and girls.