

Committee(s): Police Authority Board	Dated:
Subject: Draft Refresh of the Policing Plan 2022- 2025 (for 2023-34)	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation’s Corporate Plan 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
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Summary

This report presents a draft refresh of the Policing Plan 2022-25 for the year 2023-24.

The Policing Plan informs the community, stakeholders and staff how the City area is to be policed.

The City of London Police and Court of Common Council (in its capacity as a Police Authority) are required to continue to publish a Policing Plan by the Police Act 1996 due to being exempt from the legislative requirement to publish a Police and Crime Plan.

Further to the previous update provided to the PAB in January 2023, this report now presents the final draft of the refreshed Policing Plan 2022-25 and Measures/ Metrics for the year 2023-24. Members should note that the Policing Plan Measures for the Financial Year (FY) have been presented for discussion at the 6th February 2023 Strategic Planning and Performance Committee (SPPC).

This report, containing the final draft of the refreshed Policing Plan 2022-25 is being presented to PAB for final comment, a typeset version will be presented to PAB for final approval in March. Publication of the Plan will take place on Friday 31st March 2023 rather than Saturday 1st April 2023.

Recommendation(s):

Members note the content of this report and provide any final feedback.

Main Report

Background

1. Legislation requires Police and Crime Commissioners to publish police and crime plans in place of traditional policing plans¹. That requirement does not apply to the Court of Common Council in its capacity as policy authority for the City of London. The City of London Police and the Police Authority Board continues to be governed by the relevant sections of the Police Act 1996 with respect to the publication of Policing Plans.² However, where possible the City of London Police and Police Authority has resolved to align the format of its Policing Plan with the general requirements of Policing and Crime Plans.
2. The responsibility for drafting the Policing Plan and advising the Police Authority on its contents remains with the Commissioner of Police. However, guidance and legislation are clear that the Police Authority must approve, own and issue the published plan.
3. The Police Act 1996³ requires the police authority to issue, before the beginning of each financial year, a policing plan setting out:
 - i. the proposed arrangements for the policing of that area for the period of three years beginning with that year; and
 - ii. its policing objectives for the policing of its area and the discharge by the City of London Police of its national or international functions during that year.
4. There is a requirement that policing plans (and their policing and crime plan equivalents) must have regard to any national strategic policing priorities stipulated by the Home Secretary.⁴ Such priorities are currently articulated by the Strategic Policing Requirement; the The City of London Police's approach to this appears in the draft document. Additionally, the plan takes account of Government policy statements regarding reducing crime, addressing antisocial behaviour (ASB), and supporting the vulnerable.

Current Position

5. Although the Policing Plan was published last year (2022) and will run until 2025, to ensure that the information remains current and relevant to inform our communities, residents, stakeholders and employees how the City area will be policed, a refresh of the Plan is published annually.

¹ Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011

² S. 6ZB Police Act 1996 (as amended by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011)

³ S.6ZB as above

⁴ As determined under s.37A of the 1996 Act

6. The Policing Plan is now in final draft format. The only outstanding update will be 'Section 2: Efficient and Effective Service' as the latest financial position for 2023-24 will not be forecasted until the end of February 2023.
7. Members are asked to note that the Policing Plan still requires final proof-reading and formatting prior to publication.
8. The refresh has also included image updates to reflect upon the policing highlights of the previous year. Consent to use these images publicly is still being obtained from employees and therefore image content must not be distributed externally at this time.

Corporate & Strategic Implications

Strategic Implications- The Policing Plan directly supports the City of London Corporation's Corporate Plan for a safe and secure City; the Policing Plan also has regard to the priorities of the Safer City Partnership.

Financial implications- The Policing Plan to be linked to the Medium Term Financial Plan.

Resource implications- The intention is for the Policing Plan to be linked to the Strategic Workforce Plan.

Legal implications- See paras 1-3

Risk implications- N/A

Equalities implications – The new Policing Plan will have Equality and Inclusion at its core as this is a City of London Police priority that runs through all planning currently.

Climate implications- N/A

Security implications- N/A

Conclusion

9. Issuing and publishing a Policing Plan remains a statutory obligation on the City of London Police and Court of Common Council in its capacity as police authority. The draft document appended to this report represents a refresh of the Policing Plan to ensure that it is reflective of our current Policing environment and needs of our residents, communities, stakeholders and employees.
10. Members are asked to provide any final comments for feedback to carly.humphreys@cityoflondon.police.uk

Appendices:

Appendix A – Draft Policing Plan Refresh 2022-25.

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