

Committee(s): Police Authority Board	Dated: 22 March 2023
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 41-23	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.

Operations and Security

Acquisitive & Violent crime

Our anti-phone snatch focus through Operation Niven continues to reduce offences. Joint working with the Pan London Robbery Working Group has further supported disrupting this organised crime type. Feedback from the Business Community demonstrates the effectiveness of our crime prevention roadshows in raising the awareness of phone snatch vulnerabilities.

Specialist Operations

Investigations into Extinction Rebellion (XR) related demonstrations on 25th October 2022 has led to four further convictions of Causing a Public Nuisance. This brings the total guilty verdicts to fifteen, sentencing takes place on 24th March 2023.

Night-Time Economy (NTE)

Our night-time economy’ Operation Reframe’ came together with Transport for London in the pursuit of the Violence Against Women and Girls objectives and safer travel home. A total of thirty-six vehicles were stop checked, twenty-four licensed premises checked, with five being subject to a full license check.

Police Uplift Programme

We have 10 new Detectives joining us on 20th March 2023 and a further 11 starting on 27th March 2023. We are currently predicted to achieve 1008 officers at the end of the financial year, which is 22 over our target and 20 of which are in line with the agreement with the Home Office on over-recruitment.

Professionalism & Trust

An update paper is on the agenda covering the recent national and local HMICFRS inspection into vetting and counter corruption.

Our recently launched Inclusivity Programme aims to support a culture of understanding within our working environment and towards the community we serve. Following mandatory training, officers and staff will chose from a menu of options tailoring their own development.

- **Community Day Initiative** – Visiting a local organisation, in our community
- **Mentivity** – Insight into differing communities’ experience of interacting with the police
- **Ethical Dilemmas** – Scenarios followed by thought provoking team discussions
- **Active Bystander** – Raising awareness on how to stand up to and deal with behaviours
- **Alter Egos** – Power of Stories to create change
- **Focus On sessions** – Development coaching and leadership

Reward & Recognition

Superintendent Patrick Holdaway collected an award at the Outstanding Security Performance Awards on behalf of the National Business Crime Centre for their Safer Business Action initiative. The initiative is a joint approach by police, business, private security, Business Crime Reduction Partnerships and Business Improvement Districts to reduce crime affecting businesses. The City of London have a second Safer Business Action Day planned for 23rd March 2023.

Fraud Operations and Lead Force Operations Room (LFOR).

Covid Bounce back Loan Fraud

This case involved a suspect who obtained a COVID bounce back loan in order to pay off a court confiscation order. He had been prosecuted by the Serious Fraud Office(SFO) in 2006 for a £34 million fraud. He was issued with a confiscation order for £40 million, and later breached this 3 times. The SFO found further offending and called in CoLP to assist. Charges have now been secured in respect of fraud and money laundering. A real example of Fraud Operations successfully targeting the “big players”.

Investment Fraud investigation

This investigation relates to an Investment fraud for high-risk high-reward Binary options trades. 172 victims lost a combined £2.2M. The trial lasted 5 weeks and the jury took 2 hours to find both suspects guilty of fraud and money laundering. Sentencing took place on the 3rd February 2023.

One suspect received almost 9 years imprisonment and a 15-year company directorship ban. A second suspect received 2 years, suspended for 2 years and a 5-year directorship ban.

National Co-Ordinator’s Office - NCO

The NCO has completed its plan to engage and visit all 43 forces in England and Wales. This culminated with a visit to the Metropolitan Police on the 24 February 2023. The team also visited Bedfordshire Constabulary on 2 March 2023 (at their request), to determine the progress they have made during the course of the last year.

Police Intellectual Property Crime Unit - PIPCU

Counterfeit goods Operation

This involved a multi-national investigation across Europe and America. The Organised Crime Group (OCG) were returning counterfeit goods to genuine companies, claiming they were faulty. The fake items were so good on their exterior appearance that the companies would replace them with genuine working items. This criminal activity was worth 1.1million and at the time of Police intervention the method was growing across several OCGs.

Takedown Operations

The team took down a very large Internet Protocol Television (IPTV) provider alongside partners at Sky TV. This was one of the UK’s biggest illegal streaming operations. Losses to the TV broadcaster will be counted in the millions of pounds. Over two operations there have three arrests and large data capacity servers seized.

Cyber Alarm

A training session on the CyberAlarm system¹ for 60 officers and staff took place in February.

Home Office Legal advice has been provided verbally after an extensive review of Police CyberAlarm. They have confirmed it is covered by section 46 of the Intellectual property Act and supported by section 32 of Business Regulations, allowing the data to be provided to prevent and detect crime.

Economic Crime and Cyber Academy

The Head of the Academy met with the Home Office International capability and capacity team to assist with their training needs review of the Mauritius Police Force.

The purpose of this meeting was to support the Home Office future delivery program 2023-25 to best protect the victims of crime from the threat of cyber and economic crime in international jurisdictions.

National Fraud Intelligence Bureau- NFIB

A technological problem emerged between the two systems which underpin AF and NFIB. This resulted in the creation of 5,400 duplicate National Fraud Reporting Centre (NFRC) numbers (crime numbers) but there was no break in service. The issue was quickly identified and resolved, a plan is now in place to deal with the backlog of duplicate records, to ensure a smooth victim journey. Alongside other mitigation measures a communications plan has been developed to ensure that affected victims are updated on the situation.

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Commissioner of Police

¹ Police CyberAlarm is a tool to monitor the traffic seen by a member’s connection to the internet. It will detect and provide regular reports of suspected malicious activity, enabling organisations to minimise their vulnerabilities.