

<b>Committee(s):</b> Police Authority Board	<b>Dated:</b> 28 June 2023
<b>Subject:</b> National Business Crime Portfolio- National Business Crime Centre Update	<b>Public</b>
<b>Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?</b>	1- People are safe and feel safe
<b>Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>If so, how much?</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>What is the source of Funding?</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Commissioner of Police Pol 67-23	<b>For Information</b>
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### Summary

The City of London Police (CoLP) has held the responsibility for the National Police Chief's Council (NPCC) Business Crime Portfolio since January 2020, when at that time Commissioner Ian Dyson became the National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) lead for business crime. Assistant Commissioner Paul Betts became NPCC lead in January 2022 upon his appointment to CoLP. Under the portfolio, the National Business Crime Centre (NBCC) was launched in October 2017 and led by the MPS with support from a Home Office Transformation Fund.

The National Business Crime Centre (NBCC) represents UK policing when engaging with business. Its' primary purpose is:

1. Partnership – Improve partnership with business and Police nationally
2. Intelligence – Improve business crime intelligence and information exchange
3. Prevention – Assist business to protect themselves from crime

An update was provided to the Police Authority Board in September 2022 and the Chair requested a further update to the Board on current work.

The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an update of the work of the NBCC and how, as part of the national portfolio, it is supporting Police Forces and other stakeholders in responding to Business Crime.

### Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to note the report.

## Main Report

### Background

1. The City of London Police (CoLP) has held the responsibility for the National Police Chief's Council (NPCC) Business Crime Portfolio since January 2020. Under the portfolio, the National Business Crime Centre (NBCC) was launched in October 2017. The National Business Crime Centre (NBCC) represents UK policing when engaging with business.
2. An update on the NBCC work was last provided to Members on the 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

### Current Position

3. Since the last report, the NBCC has been formally recognised with a number of awards:
  - **October 2022 Fraud Awards:** Best Retailer and Policing Collaboration Award – Highly Commended – Safer Business Action Days
  - **October 2022 Fraud Awards:** Best Collaborative Retail Risk Management Solution – Highly Commended – NBCS/Police ISA
  - **October 2022 National Courier Awards Institute of Couriers:** ERII Merit Award – OP London Bridge
  - **February 2023 Outstanding Security Partnership Awards** – Winner – Safer Business Action DaysThe NBCC have also made it to the finals (21<sup>st</sup> June) of the British Security Industry Awards with the Safer Business Action Days initiative.
- In October 2022 the NBCC coordinated the first national business crime week of action which saw 27 police forces highlight the work they are doing to support the business community in reducing crimes against business. The next national week of action is planned for the 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023 and will be branded as the Safer Business Week of Action. Work is ongoing to develop the plans.
- The NBCC provided critical support for businesses in relation to Op London Bridge, Her Late Majesty The Queen's funeral, and Op Golden Orb, King Charles III Coronation. This support extended to coordination with police and government agencies ensuring that businesses were prepared and kept updated re security status and the traffic restrictions that followed.
- Supported the Government's agenda around reducing anti-social behaviour by launching an ASB survey capturing the views of businesses. The results were fed directly into the Home Office with many areas subsequently forming part of the Governments action plan to tackle ASB.
- Introduced a governance board, the Strategic Oversight Board for Business Crime, which will help support and coordinate the work taking place nationally to prevent business crime. The board is chaired by AC Betts with support from PCC Katy Bourne (APCC lead for business crime) as well as senior representatives from the Home Office, academia, the Security Industry Authority,

policing and business. The inaugural meeting took place on the 8<sup>th</sup> June and the terms of reference will be shared once signed off by the group. The group is also developing a strategy.

- Further development of the NBCC website with new guidance regularly being added. The website is supported by a monthly newsletter and regular articles and posts on the NBCC's LinkedIn and Twitter social media accounts.
- Developed a national data sharing agreement between the NPCC and the Security Industry Authority, creating efficiencies and capacity with the investigation of private security operatives.
- Worked with the Police Digital Service, their suppliers IBM, and Sainsburys to develop a direct reporting model, which has the potential to exponentially improve the efficiency and effectiveness of business crime reporting to police.
- Introduced a national standards board to improve crime reduction partnerships across the UK. This work will focus on the 400+ business improvement districts and business crime reduction partnerships to raise standards across the UK.
- Through its day to day activity supported a wide range of businesses and police forces to prevent crime, target offenders and improve the business communities confidence in policing.

## **Conclusion**

4. The NBCC continues to provide an important asset in supporting the response to Business Crime nationally in what is an area of increasing threat. The City of London Police as national portfolio lead is key to promoting this asset to stakeholders in the City of London.

## **Appendices**

Appendix 1- NBCC Newsletter – May 2023

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