

Committee(s): Police Authority Board	Dated: 19 July 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 69-23	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 National Lead Force for Economic and Cyber Crime are attached.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to note the report.

Response Policing Week

The City of London Police joined with other forces up and down the Country to celebrate the hard work, dedication and bravery of our officers who respond to calls from the public and confront crime day and night. Activities included;

- Breakfast for response officers
- Coffee morning for serving and retired officers to re-connect and network
- Free exercise classes and temporary membership of Fitness First Gym
- Senior Leaders join response teams for a shift
- Award for response officer of the Year

PC Edward Smith from 'A' Group Response Team was given the response officer of the year award by Chief Superintendent Atkin on 26 June 2023 for his exemplary behaviour and outstanding performance, following a competitive process within the Local Policing Directorate.

Operation Niven

The Proactive Acquisitive Crime Team and Specialist Operations have been working together to tackle Phone Snatches in the City. After peaking in early May 2023 this crime type has reduced compared to the same time last year. This is a result of targeting the offenders and disrupting the supply chains through a series of investigations and executing warrants.

Cycle Team

Our new Cycle Team was launched on Monday 26 June 2023, which will be a trial for the next 3 months. The team will provide additional officer visibility and target a range crime trends and those that commit traffic offences on cycles / e-scooters & associated anti-social behaviour. Week one has been successful with 106 hours of deployments focused on cycling based offences and phone snatch patrols. The team are using a phased approach to enforcement with engagement being the first stage, there were over 390 engagements with cyclists across the City last week with a total of 87 receiving an official cycle warning and 8 Fixed Penalty Notices issued. The team also attended a number of proactive calls for potential phone thieves in and around the West area of the City.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Week

Commencing on the 3 July 2023 the Partnership & Prevention Team ran a series of activities with Partners and our colleagues from the British Transport Police (BTP) targeting ASB. Across the week the team conducted joint patrols in hot spot areas and ran a plain clothed drugs operation.

Specialist Operations

On the 26 November 2022 an unprovoked attack in the City on a member of public caused GBH injuries. The suspect was identified by our Criminal Investigations Department whilst conducting CCTV enquiries into the incident. An excellent investigation secured a conviction for GBH on the 12 June 2023 with the suspect sentenced to 48 Months imprisonment.

National lead Force Operations

Op Uranium, courier fraud - One defendant appeared at Inner London Crown for sentencing after a guilty plea for Money Laundering offences. He received 18 months suspended for 2 years with 200 hours unpaid work.

Op Tutor, invoicing fraud – The defendant was found guilty following trial of Conspiracy to Defraud and four counts of Fraud. They were remanded into custody and will be sentenced on 7 July 2023. Compensation and confiscation applications are being made.

On the 29 June 2023 all of the units working under the National Lead Force held a directorate wide “Economic Crime and Cyber Day”. The theme of the day was to bring all the teams together to create a sense of belonging, so that people feel part of a wider interconnected team. This involved multiple inputs and group work activities. This will become a regular annual or bi-annual event.

Police Intellectual property Crime Unit (PIPCU)

Op Talos – Very large Internet Protocol Television (IPTV) illegal TV streaming and money laundering – Final restraint figure now confirmed at £1.6m, this is the biggest restraint in PIPCU’s 10 year history.

PIPCU hosted delegates from the International Anti-Counterfeiting Coalition (IACC) who are based in Washington, and Senior Officers from Homeland Security Investigations. The visit was designed to finalise plans for an international conference to be held in London between the 5 and 7 December 2023. The Conference will be for 350 delegates from around the world and jointly hosted by IACC, US Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and CoLP (PIPCU). Formal plans are now being drafted.

National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB)

There has been positive media coverage of the joint NFIB / National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS). Since April 2020, the service has received 21 million reports and led to the removal of more than 235,000 malicious websites, 54,000 text message scams, and 7,726 suspicious texts, providing a huge victim service impact.

Action Fraud

On the 24 June 2023, the Action Fraud system suffered an outage impacting users. The service was swiftly restored on 25 June 2023. The Service Provider’s team is continuing to identify the cause of the outage which they believe was linked to a subcontractor error.

National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) Cyber Portfolio

NPCC Cybercrime Governance Board presented all projects to the Regional senior managers around the UK. On 20 and 21 June, a two day workshopping meeting was held to help introduce the new Operating Model, Business Continuity Plans, Paid for membership models and standardisation of Advisory Groups.

Economic and Cyber Crime Academy (ECCA)

Following a Training Needs Analysis with Mauritius Law Enforcement in January, ECCA are now ready to move forward and book courses. Delivery of courses is aimed to be within the following 6 months.

Campaigns

June saw the conclusion of the 6 month NLF romance fraud campaign, in partnership with CRIMESTOPPERS. Designed to deliver Protect messaging to a variety of communities and organisations. Messaging was sent to 74 individual agencies including Neighbourhood Watch, adult safeguarding services and safer community partnerships. The campaign received 6.7 million impressions and received media interest from various sources as well as communications promoted by the Online Dating Association (ODA).