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Policing Protocol

A new version of the Policing Protocol came into force on 3 July. It is issued by the Home Office in accordance with the requirements of section 79 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011. It reflects the results of a Home Office consultation exercise on Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) and developments in policing since the previous Protocol was published in 2011. The new version is available at: [The Policing Protocol Order 2023 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://www.legislation.gov.uk)

The Protocol is intended to support effective, constructive working relationships in the policing sector. It sets out how the Home Secretary, PCCs (including Mayors who exercise PCC functions and the London Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime), Chief Constables and Police and Crime Panels should, in the Home Secretary's view, exercise functions in relation to each other.

The revised Protocol contains small changes designed to bring more clarity about financial delegations to chief constables. The more substantive textual changes are in the section about the Home Secretary's responsibilities (paragraphs 27 – 31).

The Protocol states explicitly that it does not legally bind the Commissioner of the City of London Police or the Common Council of the City of London, but both are encouraged to abide by the working principles of it. I am content that the City of London Police Authority *is* working to the principles set out in the Protocol.

Economic and Cyber Crime

Members received a briefing on Economic and Cyber Crime on 28th June – covering the City Police's policing lead responsibilities around these crime types, as well as the wider partners that the force works with to deliver its responsibilities. The importance of having a 'whole system response' to economic and cyber crime came through strongly, including an approach which harnesses the capabilities of law enforcement and the private sector.

The Prime Minister's Anti-Fraud Champion, Anthony Browne MP, visited the City on 5 July. He visited the Action Fraud and National Fraud Intelligence Bureau teams, discussed the current operating model of both, and was given a presentation on progress of the Fraud and Cyber Crime Reporting and Analysis System (FCCRAS) programme.

We are developing a narrative around the role of the City of London Police – in particular around its national lead roles and responsibilities that can be used with key external stakeholders.

Passing Out Parade – 24 June

I was very pleased, and proud, to attend the latest Passing Out Parade for 20 City student officers at the Guildhall on 24 June. I hope that they, and their families and friends, enjoyed and will remember the occasion. It marks an important milestone in the careers of all police officers. The next Parade will take place on 30 September. It would be really positive to see more Members attend to provide added recognition of the achievements of the students, and to encourage them in their future careers.

External members - recruitment

Work is underway to identify suitable candidates for the appointment to the three vacant external member positions on the Professional Standards and Integrity Committee (2) and Economic and Cyber Crime Committee (1). These positions are to allow these Committees to have a variety of independent perspectives and knowledge. Once the details for these positions have been finalised a link to the role advertisement will be shared with Board and Committee Members in order that these details can be easily forward to any interested individuals. It is anticipated that these external member advert details will be finalised by the end of the month.

Professional Standards and Integrity Committee – complaints training

A training session on police complaints handling, including how reviews should be conducted, took place on 30 June. A recording of the session is available – a link for which has been distributed by the Police Authority Team lead. Can I encourage members of the Professional Standards Committee who have yet to watch the recording to do so, to enable us to arrange complaints review panels efficiently. This is an important aspect of our statutory duties as an Authority.