

<b>Committee(s):</b> Strategic Planning and Performance Committee  Police Authority Board	<b>Dated:</b> 5 September 2023  20 September 2023
<b>Subject:</b> Quarterly Community Engagement 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>
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### Summary

This report provides a quarterly update on how we are engaging and working with our communities to understand their concerns and keep the City safe from terrorism, crime and anti-social behaviour.

A draft Neighbourhood Policing & Engagement Strategy has been provided as a separate agenda item for this committee.

### Recommendation

Members are asked to note the report.

### Main Report

#### Listening to our communities

1. The first Business Improvement Districts (BIDS) sounding board took place in June. The discussion was focussed around women's safety and how we communicate and understand perspectives and feelings of safety.
2. Our programme of Walk and Talk initiatives continue to be promoted with regular enquiries and this will be further advertised to targeted groups via Women's Networks in businesses across the City. We will have pop up stands in Paternoster Square next month to promote the initiative as well as via the Fleet BID. These provide opportunities for women working or living in the City to walk with a female officer and discuss experiences or concerns.

3. Cluster Panels are due to take place on 24 August 2023 and 9 October 2023. Panels exist to listen to the concerns of the local community and discuss possible solutions to make that area a safer place to live work and visit. Our recently established Cycle Squad has been formed to address anti-social cycling and associated crime which is a concern regularly raised at cluster panel meetings. There is a separate report on the agenda regarding this. We are also working with the City of London Corporation to consider if these panels should be extended to cover non-policing issues.
4. We held the first youth Independent Advisory and Scrutiny Group in July. The meeting was used for introductions, allocating the Chair and Deputy roles and setting out expectations. Membership will continue to be encouraged with the next meeting held in October.

#### Working with partners to keep communities safe and feeling safe

5. Operation Reframe continues each month with a different theme alongside an enforcement operation focussed on offences linked to the night time economy. We recently ran a test purchase operation, using our cadets. Fines we issued to four out of seven licensed premises that served the Police Cadets alcohol, when test purchasing. Our next Reframe event will focus on sex workers.
6. We promoted the national #BeSafeBeSound campaign which urges music lovers to stay alert to any signs of hostile reconnaissance and follow safety advice or security procedures in place at events and venues.
7. The Prevent Team continued to hold local school engagement, which is about safeguarding of young people engaging on topics of misogyny and online information. Overall Prevent referrals are up significantly after increasing prevent communications. City of London Police is looking to recruit City of London Corporation staff to become Prevent Champions and upskill on susceptibility to radicalisation. A Prevent week of action will commence on 2 October 2023, with a stakeholder engagement event hosted at the Lloyds of London Library.
8. CoLP will be taking part in an Operation Rocotto on 14 September 2023. The aim of the day is to support and engage with local businesses and increase public understanding of the types of crime that affect businesses. This is a joint endeavour with the City of London Corporation of London's community safety team and private security officers from the City Security Council. We will be conducting joint patrols, targeted intervention of offenders and a range of crime prevention activities to promote safer business and safer spaces in the Square Mile.
9. Weeks of action City of London Police will be supporting over the next quarter include:
  - Romance Fraud- 2 October 2023
  - Safer Business-16 October 2023
  - International fraud awareness -12 November 2023

Members may wish to make a note of these dates with a view to supporting these events. We will also undertake activity to support black history month (October) and Tyre Safety month in October.

## **Conclusion**

10. CoLP continues to work in partnership with the City of London Corporation to enhance the City of London's engagement with our communities. This report has highlighted some of the initiatives which have taken place to support this partnership and also our wider partnerships to protect our local communities.

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