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| Committee(s): Police Authority Board | Dated: 25 October 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 108-23 | For discussion |
| Report author: Angela McLaren, Commissioner | |

Summary

At the April 2022 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

Passing out Parade

On Saturday 30th September 2023, Orange cohort who were part of the Police Uplift Program were recognised and awarded having achieved Independent Patrol Status (IPS). The event was led by Assistant Commissioner Paul Betts and well attended by dignitaries, friends and families, some travelling from across the United Kingdom and Europe to enjoy this special day.

Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter

The monthly Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter has been revamped and will be launched on Friday 6th October circulating to City residents, businesses and elected members.

Cycle Squad

Following community concerns reporting cyclists running red lights and near misses between road users and pedestrians around Bank Junction, cycle squad led a successful police operation between 11th – 15th September 2023 leading to

- 77 fixed penalty notices issued to cyclists. This was either to enrol on a cycle safety course or a fine of £50.
- 94 traffic offence warnings given.
- Nine illegal e-cycles or e-scooters seized for destruction.
- Around 150 crime prevention messages given to members of the public about phone snatching and cycle theft.

Burglary

Officers on enquiries at Guildhall recognised 3 males who were suspected of a burglary a few days earlier. The eagle eye and diligent actions of officers supported by Corporation colleagues located and detained the males. Enquires continue with suspects believed to have been involved in other burglaries in the City.

Phone Theft

A victim had their phone stolen and via location services was traced to a well-known address to police for similar thefts. Officers attended and arrested the suspect which matched images from CCTV. During the search of the address, further stolen phones were recovered, tracing the victims and repatriating them with their property.

Walk and Talk

On 14th September officers hosted the first pop-up stand at Paternoster Square promoting ‘Walk and Talk’, with women signing up to partake in the program. The next pop up stand is scheduled for October/November and requests to join the initiative continue to be received.

National lead Force Operations

The positive outcomes are consistent;

A management delegation attended the offices of the Fraud Policy Team at the Home Office on 3rd October to speak about fraud investigations, police powers and legislation in an operational context. They presented on the lifecycle of a fraud investigation from reporting and triage, through investigation, strategies and decision making to post trial and asset recovery. They also discussed challenges in combating fraud and potential solutions and some of the work CoLP are doing in this space and the role as National Lead. This was a fantastic opportunity to give national fraud policy makers at the home office an insight into some of the successes and hurdles faced on the front line and it was extremely well received.

Police Intellectual Property Crime Unit (PIPCU)

The Unit celebrated their 10 year anniversary with press releases and social media updates.

National Coordinators Office (NCO)

September saw the launch of National Economic Crime Policing Strategy with in-person events on Tuesday 26th September in the East Midlands Region, Friday 29th September in the Northeast Region, Thurs 5th October for the Eastern Region and Friday 6th October in the South East Region.

Action Fraud/Fraud and Cyber Crime Reporting and Analysis Service (FCCRAS)

The second meeting of a joint Home Office / NLF Home Office Crime Counting Rules group took place. Changes to simplify the existing Home Office counting rules for fraud and cybercrime are being explored. This will necessitate National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) support and facilitation.

Good progress is being made on the review of NFIB’s assessment criteria for reported fraud and cybercrime (following the NPCC announcement on investigating all solvable cases). Early indications are positive – suggesting NFIB’s crime disseminations are compliant with the new policy / approach.

Dedicated Card and Plastic Crime Unit (DCPCU)

A high profile conviction for a bank insider who enabled millions of pounds of loss from his employing bank led to a 5 year 6 month sentence.

Economic Crime Academy (ECCA)

Senior Leaders from Ghanaian Law Enforcement, led by their Commissioner, attended ECCA’s “Senior Leader Fraud Investigators Workshop”. The ECCA and Ghanaian Law Enforcement have built strong working relationships and more workshops/training courses are anticipated going forward with 84 police officers/police staff across the force enrolled on forthcoming cyber related Courses.

Campaigns

Corporate Communications ran a romance fraud awareness campaign on social media. D/Supt Gary Miles carried out a media interview with LBC Radio on the topic of romance fraud. D/Supt Miles also appeared on ITV’s Tonight programme for a background research chat on the most prevalent types of fraud reported to Action Fraud. An on-camera interview is likely to happen in the next few weeks for the programme which is due to air in November.

ITV regional news ran a thematic story on the government’s new cold calling legislation. This included a pre-filmed piece with NECVCU and an interview with the head of Action Fraud. The piece was positive in tone and showcased NLF’s focus on supporting victims of fraud and cyber-crime.