

Committee(s): Police Authority Board	Dated: 22 November 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 132-23	For Discussion
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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 Economic and Cyber Crime are attached.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to note the report.

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Operations and Security

PAB Updates

Baroness Casey visit

Baroness Casey's recent visit to the City of London Police was marked by our dedication to maintaining a culture of transparency, accountability, and integrity. Her engagement with the force underscored our unwavering commitment to upholding the highest professional standards in policing. The meeting focused on emphasising the crucial role the City of London Police plays in building strong relationships and understanding the community we serve. The opportunity to listen, understand and learn from her experience will greatly allow City of London police to continue building trust and confidence within our communities.

White Ribbon Accreditation

The City of London Police is proud to be accredited by White Ribbon, a significant initiative in the global movement to end violence against women. This accreditation reflects the force's commitment to raising awareness and taking action against domestic violence and abuse. As part of this pledge, 2 champions and 6 ambassadors have been selected to engage the workforce in a commitment to prevent men's violence against women and girls, and work towards transformational change in organisational culture, systems, and in our communities. City of London Police demonstrates its dedication to fostering a safe and respectful community for all, while encouraging individuals to stand up against gender-based violence.

Safer Business Action Week

This annual event brought together businesses, law enforcement, and local communities to address safety concerns, enhance security measures and promote a sense of unity. Through collaborative initiatives, businesses and individuals gained valuable insights into crime prevention and an increased sense of security in the heart of London's financial district. Successes included proactive policing patrols, arresting a number of shoplifters and targeted activity to those who cause significant harm to local businesses including a group who targeted Co-Op stealing bottles of alcohol, initially running from police but closely followed and detained by the Proactive Acquisitive Crime Team.

Op Reframe

Another successful night protecting those enjoying the nighttime economy with CoLP officers engaging with numerous people who appeared to be vulnerable with the majority through excess alcohol. A number of license premises successfully passing the 'Ask Angela' test with a few requiring further training. Further Op Reframe is scheduled for December to support the Christmas campaign.

Criminal Damage to Places of Worship and Livery Halls.

Following a number of windows damaged across Places of Worship and Livery Halls, officers trawled through extensive CCTV, identifying a suspect. With a coordinated response from across the force, the suspect was identified and apprehended. A thorough investigation has led to the suspect being charged with offences targeting six (6) different venues.

Theft arrest

Officers on patrol came across a victim who had just had their bag snatched. The victim had been taking selfies with a friend and officers quickly established the suspect had been photographed in one of the photos inadvertently. As the victim had her bank card stolen, officers reviewed her online banking app and found a meal had just been purchased nearby. Officers immediately deployed to the restaurant and located the suspect who was swiftly apprehended. The victim focused approach to a crime in action allowed stolen property to be recovered and detain a suspect who may have gone on to commit further offences.

National Lead Force

POLICE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CRIME UNIT (PIPCU)

PIPCU were at the Internet Corporation for Assigned names and numbers (ICANN)¹. This is the nearest event to global internet governance and the Unit also has a seat on the high level public safety advisory panel, which allows them to have input into decisions that affect how global internet rules are set.

Insurance Fraud Enforcement Dept (IFED)

IFED has deployed on Operation Jeren, a period of intensification focussed on commercial insurance fraud. In addition to multiple warrants and other executive actions, IFED Officers joined with the City police Roads Policing Unit (Traffic Police) to process drivers and vehicles entering City to identify offences and take necessary action (vehicle seizure etc). They were supported by a cross industry intelligence cell.

National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB)

Plans are being finalised for the next National User Group (NUG) forum (30 November) that will bring together forces and regional Organised Crime Unit representatives from across the UK. The event will showcase Fraud and Cyber Crime Reporting and Analysis Service (FCCRAS) and the new National Policing Strategy for Fraud, Economic and Cyber Crime.

Action Fraud/FCCRAS

The intelligence workflows have started to be built that will underpin the new FCCRAS software platform. Work is also underway to agree the licencing system that will enable UK forces to access and update intelligence held within the new platform. This is an important milestone as it is delivering some key system building blocks that will ultimately improve the victim journey under FCCRAS.

This update relates to Media Linked to the BBC’s ‘Be Scam Safe’ week, CoLP and Action fraud have been referenced in a series of radio and TV programmes including Radio 4’s Money Box and You and Yours. Also Radio 4’s File on 4; and BBC1’s The One Show. The item about Action Fraud is due to air as part of One Show’s ‘Watchdog’ program. The item follows a number of complaints received from members of the public about the amount of time it takes to get a response after submitting their reports and the outcome of their reports.

There has been positive national and local reporting of AF’s warning about criminal gangs cloning prepayment energy meter keys, before selling them door-to-door.

The student safety campaign has generated 17.9m impressions and 6.5m reach with good support from forces and partners. The main areas of focus are password protection, money mule, phishing, investment fraud and advance fee fraud (rental and recruitment).

Dedicated Card and Payment Crime Unit (DCPCU)

A group of fraudsters have been sentenced after conspiring to access customer accounts to steal their money, leading to just over £1 million in fraudulent transactions. Organised crime group members recruited bank insiders, creating a sophisticated criminal network, using individuals pretending to be genuine customers to attend branches and then conduct withdrawals and transfer funds to bank accounts under the group’s control. The group were sentenced at Southwark Crown Court this month, receiving between 2 and 6 years in prison.

Economic Crime Academy (ECCA)

Good traction remains in place with the CPS to roll out training in relation to The Fraud Investigation Model and various elements of Cyber/Crypto and Internet Investigations on a national level. The International Anti-Corruption Coordination Centre (IACCC) within The National Crime Agency (NCA), has requested that the ECCA support them to undertake a Training Needs Analysis (TNA), and to provide the training of some 40 Mauritius Investigators within Bribery & Corruption. The Home Office has requested that The ECCA deliver “Demystifying Cyber Crime” and “Internet Investigations” courses to the Mauritius Police.

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¹ [Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers \(ICANN\)](https://www.icann.org/)