

Committee(s): Strategic Planning and Performance Committee	Dated: 22 February 2024
Subject: Quarterly HMICFRS Inspections Update	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	1
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 21-24	For Discussion
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Summary

This quarterly report provides an overview of His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Service (HMICFRS) related activity since the last update to your Committee in November 2023.

Recommendation

Members are asked to note the report.

Main Report

Background

1. This report provides an overview of His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Service (HMICFRS) related activity over the last quarter.

Current Position

Inspections since last Committee (November 2023)

2. None.

HMICFRS reports published since last Committee (November 2023)

3. None.

Current status of HMICFRS Action Plans

4. Progress of HMICFRS action plans is overseen by the Force Operational Improvement Board chaired by Assistant Commissioner Operations & Security and attended by Director of the Police Authority and HMICFRS Force Liaison Officers.
5. This board was established in April 2023 and at that time there were 200 open actions ('actions' refers to all recommendations and Areas For Improvement).

Total open actions

6. Since the formation of the Board the City of London Police, through a comprehensive 'sigh-off' governance process, has closed 142 actions.
7. Since April 2023 a number of new inspections have been completed that have actions relevant to the City of London Police, this represents an increase of 57 new actions.
8. The total number of actions currently 'open' and relevant to the City of London Police stands at 109.

Historic vs New

9. These remaining 109 actions have been split between 'Historic' and 'New' actions. 'Historic' refers to any actions set prior to March 2023, 'New' refers to those actions set post March 2023. Based on these definitions we have 58 Historic actions and 51 New actions remaining open. (See fig.2 for the breakdown of our Historic action progress over the last 3 months.)

CoLP vs National

10. Across the remaining 109 actions, 23 are CoLP specific, meaning they are the result of a dedicated CoLP inspection, and 86 are national, meaning they are the result of inspections across multiple police services which result in nationwide actions.

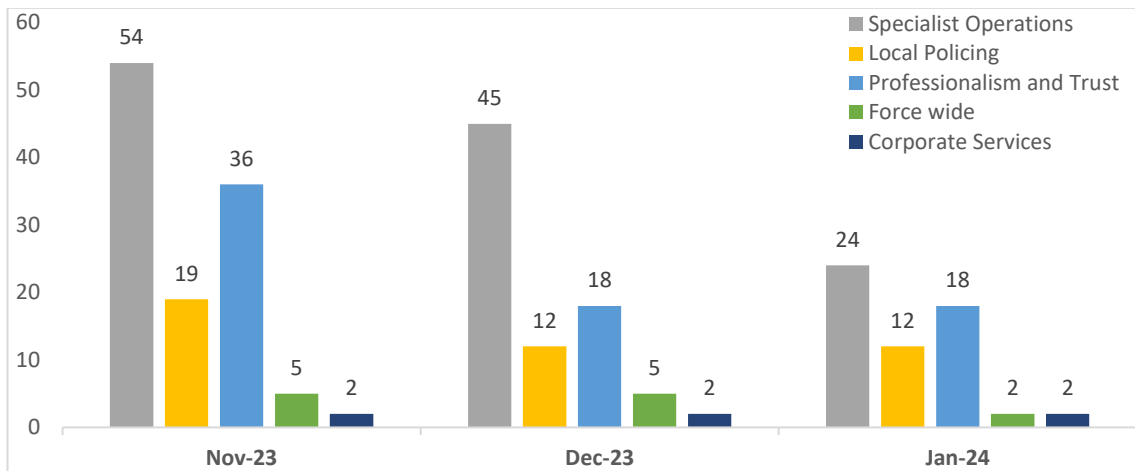


Fig. 2 Chart showing the progress and spread of historic recommendations across the directorates

11. Fig 2 shows that there has been significant progress in reducing the action load in Specialist Operations. This is an area that has been prioritised along with Professionalism and Trust, due to the amount of risk these portfolios carry.
12. During February 2024, a final review will commence of the remaining historic actions.

Upcoming Inspections

13. CoLP still has a pending unannounced custody inspection as per the last report. The most recent inspection was in 2018. CoLP reported to the last Committee that it expects to be inspected in Q4 of 2023. This did not take place. CoLP still expects an unannounced custody inspection to take place in 2024.
14. A Crime Data Integrity Inspection will also take place in due course. The timing of this is still to be confirmed.
15. A national/thematic inspection of investigations is expected to commence next month.

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