

Committee(s): Police Authority Board	Dated: 8 May 2024
Subject: Commissioner's Update	Public
Which outcomes in the <i>City Corporation's Corporate Plan</i> does this proposal aim to impact directly?	This is not a proposal but CoLP impact the following outcomes: Vibrant Thriving Destination- (Community Safety/ CT) Dynamic Economic Growth- (National Lead Force)
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 49-24	For Information
Report author: Peter O'Doherty, T/Commissioner	

Summary

It was agreed that the Commissioner's verbal updates would be presented to the Board as formal written updates.

This contains a strategic Commissioner's update and *public* updates for Operations and Security and Economic and Cyber Crime.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to note the report.

Victim Strategy

City of London Police has been working with the Police Authority team to develop our first comprehensive Victims Strategy. This will be presented to Police Authority Board in June. The strategy has three underlying objectives:

- To make sure the City is ready to deliver both the specific aims of the Victims Bill and embody its wider goal to put victims firmly at the heart of the criminal justice system.
- To detail how we will deliver our local commitment to put victims at the heart of everything we do, both in the City Police and with action from the Police Authority and wider Corporation.
- To increase trust and confidence in the police by improving services and outcomes for victims.

Ahead of submission to PAB in June, we will be conducting an informal consultation stage with key external stakeholders, such as MOPAC, the London Victims Commissioner, the APCC and other police forces, to name a few.

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy 2024-28

Work continues to finalise the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Strategy following presentation to the CoLP Chief Officer Team in March, also attended by the Police Authority Director and CoLP Corporate Communications. Feedback received from this meeting is being worked through and addressed.

The draft Strategy has also been presented at the September 2023, November 2023 and February 2024 Professional Standards and Integrity Committee (PSIC) where Member feedback has been forthcoming and considered.

In addition, the other key area of focus is on developing the measurements and metrics for success. These will be informed by best practice as well as consultation and engagement with key stakeholders. The formal launch has been moved back from April 2024 to June/ July 2024 subject to final sign off by the Chief Officer Team at their 12th June meeting to allow for these final elements to be resolved. It is likely the final version will be submitted to July PAB for information.

CoLP Corporate Communications are fully engaged and working with Professionalism & Trust to refine the draft Communications Plan, some of the launch highlights of which, are shown below:

- Inclusivity Programme modules that will likely take place over June, July, August, September and October.
- A force wide anniversary event to celebrate our Inclusivity programme 1 year on taking place 27th June 2024.
- A launch video using the support networks as advocates.

City marks Stephen Lawrence anniversary

200 young people, including City of London Police cadets and apprentices attended a careers fair and panel discussions in the Square Mile ahead of Stephen Lawrence Day. Several public and private organisations came together offering careers advice along with a number of guest speakers talking about their personal experiences, career paths, and what Stephen Lawrence's legacy means to them.

Inspiring a youth panel discussion with representatives from the City of London Police Cadets, the City of London Police Youth Advisory Group, and the Prince’s Trust focused on experiences and relationships with institutions and how the hopes and aspirations of young people can be a powerful tool for change.

As the City of London Police drives to be the most inclusive police service in the UK, this remarkable event promoted opportunities for young people to influence how the City of London Police works collaboratively to deliver change.

Drink Spiking Intensification week- 18th – 24th March 2024

City of London Police in partnership with Safer Business Network visited 38 licensed premises focusing on prevention, detection and education with a particular focus on venues that had allegations of drink spiking on their premises the previous month. The Police Licensing team continue to regularly engage with businesses and the public to increase knowledge and awareness on drink spiking ensuring the Night Time Economy can be enjoyed safely.

Theft

Special Constabulary officers whilst on patrol were called to a violent shoplifter at Eataly who had been detained by security following the theft of alcohol. He was further identified as having committed similar crimes for which he was also charged and remanded in custody where he awaits court proceedings.

Eagle eyed officers spotted a prolific thief who is known to target commercial premises. He was swiftly arrested and linked to 13 burglaries for which he was charged and awaits court proceedings.

Criminal Damage

A male has been convicted for criminal damage valued at approximately £40,000 to Grade 1 listed buildings across the City. Following an extensive investigation, the male pleaded Guilty and was sentenced to a hospital order due to his deteriorating mental health.

Murder Conviction – Operation Intervention

On Sunday, 1 May 2022, Emmanuel Odunlami attended a private members event at Haz Restaurant on Foster Lane. Unbeknown to Emmanuel he was being targeted by the offenders who believed he was wearing an expensive watch. Having left the venue he was robbed of his watch and fatally stabbed.

Four men were sentenced in February 2024 and jailed for his killing:

- Jordell Menzies, aged 27, was sentenced to life imprisonment with a minimum term of 31 years for murder
- Quincy Ffrench, aged 28, was sentenced to 15 years in prison for manslaughter and seven years and four months for robbery.
- Louis Vandrose, aged 28, was sentenced to 15 years in prison for manslaughter and seven years and four months for robbery.
- Kavindu Hettiarachchi aged 31, was sentenced to 13 years in prison for manslaughter and 10 years for robbery.

This was a complex investigation into this horrific crime with an incredible force wide response to identify, apprehend and convict the offenders ensuring the safety of those who reside, work and visit the City of London.

Strategic Leadership and Engagement

On the 28th February, AC Adams and Service Deliver Director Chris Bell appeared before the Home Affairs Select Committee to provide an update in relation to their inquiry into fraud. Topics covered included the exponential growth in cyber enabled fraud and the Police Services response in upskilling their staff. The replacement for Action Fraud was explored in detail with the benefits this would bring.

On the 11th – 12th March 2024, the UK Government hosted the first inaugural global fraud summit at Lancaster House. Ministers and representatives of Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, Singapore, the United Kingdom, and the United States convened in person to discuss the global threat of fraud. T. Commissioner O’Doherty & T. Assistant Commissioner Adams represented UK Policing at this summit and were joined by senior executives from banking and technology industries.

In March 2024, CoLP were informed that there was to be a 25% reduction in funding for the Anti Money Laundering and Asset Recovery (AMLAR) programme 24/25. Significant work was undertaken with the Home Office and regional economic crime unit leads to minimise the impact. The current position is that we have maintained all incoming recruitment and paused two lower priorities until 2025 to maintain operational effectiveness.

Operational activity highlights

Dedicated Card and Payment Crime Unit (DCPCU) –Three men from Peterborough have been sentenced for conspiracy to defraud and fraud by false representation to the value of £272,625 and a further count of money laundering. The primary offender defrauded elderly victims by contacting them, claiming to be from the local council or government organisation and offering them a refund or rebate. He would manipulate customers into handing over banking information and use this to access the victims’ accounts . He was sentenced to 4 years and 4 months for conspiracy to defraud, fraud by false representation and money laundering offences. His co-conspirators suspended sentences for money laundering offences.

The Unit also arrested two individuals for possessing sim farms, which are used to send thousands of fraudulent texts to potential victims. Security Minister Tom Tugendhat attended the warrant to witness first-hand the work of officers from the City of London Police and the Metropolitan Police Service in the fight against fraud.

National Support & Co-ordination

Op Henhouse III – Throughout February the City of London Police and the National Crime Agency (NCA) led a nationwide intensification police operation, to investigate fraud which resulted in 440 arrests, 211 interviews and assets and seizures worth £19 million.

As part of the intensification, City of London Police officers executed nine warrants, made 39 arrests, and conducted 18 voluntary interviews. Notably, a significant operation led by the Fraud Operations team targeted investment fraud, resulting in multiple warrants executed across London and Kent. The search of properties yielded a cache of digital devices, cash, drugs, offensive weapons, and a replica firearm.

In March, the Lead Force Operations room assisted to co-ordinated the UK Policing response to the LabHost Service. The LabHost service allowed criminals to send fraudulent text messages to steal from victims. There was 37 arrests worldwide to disrupt this service.

International Support & Co-ordination.

City of London Police’s National Economic Crime and Cyber Academy (ECCA) became a formal component of Interpol’s Global Academy Network. T/Commissioner Pete O’Doherty and Jürgen Stock, the Secretary General for Interpol, undertook the formal legal signing at Guildhall Yard East on Tuesday 12 March. This allows the ECCA to offer training courses and CPD events to Interpol members that will be delivered on a cost recovery basis primarily through the associates cadre to minimise operational impact.