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Engagement

Since the last meeting of the Police Authority Board, engagement with national politicians on the City Police's local and national responsibilities continued prior to the General Election being called. During the preceding weeks, the City hosted visits by the Safeguarding Minister and Shadow Crime Reduction Minister. We also hosted a senior level roundtable which brought together representatives from law enforcement, criminal justice system, industry, and consumer & victims' groups to capture the strengths of the current system in fighting fraud and the actions needed to make a step-change in our collective response. It was attended by the Shadow Attorney General.

Association of Police and Crime Commissioners (APCC)

I attended an induction event for new Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) on 22 May, organised by the APCC, and attended the APCC General Meeting the following day. The political balance of the PCC and Mayoralty community has changed significantly following the PCC elections on 2 May. I had several helpful conversations with PCC colleagues, and stressed the importance of an effective local contribution to tackling fraud. As I mentioned at the Police Authority Board in May, the Deputy Chair and I will continue to engage closely with PCCs, Mayors and other Police Authority chairs and the APCC as an organisation. It is vital that the City is, and is seen to be, an engaged partner in this community.

General Election

Following the announcement of the General Election by the Prime Minister and the prorogation and dissolution of Parliament, Members will want to be aware of the guidance covering activities during the pre-election period. The Cabinet Office, and National Police Chiefs' Council guidance is available. At the time of writing, specific APCC guidance is expected shortly.

City of London Crime Prevention Association AGM

I was very pleased to attend, and speak, at the City of London Crime Prevention Association (CPA) AGM on 24 May. And it is an honour as PAB Chair to become the Patron of the organisation, succeeding James Thomson. The CPA has a distinguished record in initiating and supporting schemes which help keep the City,

and its residents, workers and visitors safe. Long may that continue. I spoke about my priorities as PAB Chair, as I outlined at the May Board, and the central role which effective partnership working has in ensuring that the City is the safest business district in the world. I very much value the CPA's contribution to that endeavour, and look forward to working closely with the organisation as PAB Chair, and as its patron.

Volunteers' Week 2024

3–9 June is Volunteers' Week. I want to put on record my thanks, and huge admiration, for all those who give up their time voluntarily to support the City Police and the Corporation, and help keep the City safe. Particular thanks go to the City Police Specials and volunteers, our Independent Custody Visitor cadre and members of the City's Independent Advisory and Scrutiny Group (IASG) and recently-formed Youth IASG. There is a Guildhall reception on 10 June to say thank you to the whole volunteer community.

Member briefings

I would highlight two forthcoming briefings for Members on policing matters:

- 5 June (14.00 – 15.30) on local policing issues; and
- 10 October (10.30 – 12.00) on the City Police's national responsibilities.

Both provide opportunities to learn more about the picture of crime in the City (and nationally), what the City Police are doing in response, and to ask questions of senior police officers and staff. I very much encourage attendance.