

**ECONOMIC AND CYBER CRIME COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LONDON
POLICE AUTHORITY BOARD
Monday, 19 February 2024**

Minutes of the meeting of the Economic and Cyber Crime Committee of the City of London Police Authority Board held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Monday, 19 February 2024 at 1.45 pm

Present

Members:

Deputy James Thomson (Chair)
Tijs Broeke (Deputy Chairman)
Andrew Lentin
Jason Groves
Naresh Hari Sonpar

Officers:

Richard Riley CBE	- Town Clerk's Department
Oliver Bolton	- Town Clerk's Department
Kezia Barrass	- Town Clerk's Department
Eleanor Savil	- Department of Innovation and Growth

City of London Police

Nik Adams	- T/ AC City of London Police
Oliver Shaw	- T/ Commander City of London Police
Chris Bell	- City of London Police
Hayley Williams	- City of London Police

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from James Tumbridge, Nicholas Bensted-Smith, Alderman Emma Edhem, Dawn Wright and Michael Landau.

2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Economic and Cyber Crime Committee on 11 November were approved as an accurate record.

4. PUBLIC OUTSTANDING REFERENCES

Members received a report of the Commissioner which outlined the public outstanding references.

During the discussion the following points were noted:

- Members commended the good performance and low call waiting times reported for Action Fraud, and raised concerns about maintaining this during the transition to the new service.
- Members welcomed the national Stop, Think, Fraud campaign, but felt the related comms were slightly two dimensional, and did not include any reference to Action Fraud.
- Members were keen to measure resilience within businesses and communities in relation to fraud and economic crime.
- The Chair noted the provisional dates for the Cyber Griffin sessions and noted that these should be confirmed and circulated as soon as possible to Members of the Court of Common Council and relevant CoLP officers.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

5. Q3 NATIONAL LEAD FORCE PERFORMANCE 2023-24

Members received a report of the Commissioner which provided an overview of the National Lead Force performance in Q3 of 2023 – 2024.

During the discussion the following points were noted:

- Work was ongoing in the run up to national elections, to protect against cyber attacks and to consider hostile state interference and ensure counter activity is managed effectively and safely.
- Concern was raised in relation to the impact of deep fakes and their real risk of manipulation of voters and fundraisers. A national structure has been launched in the last month to oversee the management of polling stations and connect this work with the Prevent and Protect teams.
- The Chair suggested that items 5 and 6 could be amalgamated as a single report going forward.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

6. NATIONAL LEAD FORCE AND CYBER UPDATE

Members received a report of the Commissioner which outlined the National Lead Force and Cyber update.

During the discussion the following points were noted:

- Significant work was undertaken with limited resources by Officers to deliver core work within the City and support the national lead force responsibilities.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

7. CYBER GRIFFIN QUARTERLY UPDATE

Members received a report of the Commissioner which outlined the quarterly Cyber Griffin programme.

During the discussion the following points were noted:

- A Member had experienced the Cyber Griffin training and felt that the impact of training delivered by City of London Police officers should not be underestimated, and queried when the issues with the software would be resolved. A report would be brought to the May Economic and Cyber Crime Committee, to outline the rollout ambition and cost implications.

- The Incident Response Hydra was outlined as a tabletop exercise which provided a set of circumstances and the range of support available, designed to assess the responses to each offer of support.
- The Chair supported this work and noted positive feedback from those who have undertaken the courses.

RESOVLED – that the report be noted.

8. INNOVATION & GROWTH – UPDATE OF CYBER & ECONOMIC CRIME RELATED ACTIVITIES

Members received a report of the Executive Director Innovation and Growth which provided an update on cyber and economic crime related activities.

During the discussion the following points were noted:

- Members were surprised that this work had no wider PR coverage.
- Members expressed the need for more joined up working within the Corporation to ensure wider reach of this work.
- The Chair suggested linking this work with the upcoming Global Fraud Summit as an opportunity for the Police Authority Team and corporate Comms team support the event.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

9. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

There were no questions.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

There was no other business.

11. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED – That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

12. NON PUBLIC MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the non public minutes of the Economic and Cyber Crime Committee on the 11 November 2023 be approved as an accurate record.

13. STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT PLAN FOR ECONOMIC AND CYBER CRIME

Members received a report of the Town Clerk and Commissioner of Police which outlined the strategic communications and engagement plan for economic and cyber crime.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

14. FRAUD AND CYBER CRIME REPORTING AND ANALYSIS SERVICE - PROGRAMME PROGRESS REPORT

Members received a report of the Commissioner which provided a progress report of the fraud and cyber crime reporting and Analysis service.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

15. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

There were no questions.

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED

There was no other business.

The meeting ended at 15:20.

Chairman

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