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City of London Police Commissioner recruitment

A selection day for shortlisted candidates for the post of Commissioner of the City of London Police took place 2 September and I chaired a final interview panel on 20 September. The preferred candidate will appear before the Court of Common Council on 10 October, which will decide on the appointment. As Members will know, the post of City Commissioner is then formally subject to Royal Assent. My continued thanks goes to fellow Members, Corporation officers and external partners for their support through this important process, including to the College of Policing which has continued to provide valuable help and guidance.

Budgets

I have received confirmation from the Home Office on the allocation of the £175m pay award grant for 24/25 to the City of London Police. As well as covering the costs in excess of budgetary assumptions for 'core' funded officers, the grant was 'topliced' to ensure such additional costs are also covered for its national functions, which represents a very welcome step forward.

999 Day and PAB Dinner

The City of London Corporation hosted two important events on 9 September. I was honoured to represent the Police Authority at the Emergency Services Day Flag Raising event in the Guildhall Yard on the morning of 9 September and it was humbling to meet so many of the dedicated individuals from across our frontline services at the reception that followed.

The Police Authority Board Dinner on the evening of 9 September at Mansion House has received some excellent feedback. The dinner was the largest Authority dinner convened, and it was great to be able to show Lord Hanson, the new Fraud Minister at the Home Office, the opportunities the Corporation can provide for convening leaders from across industry, law enforcement and the wider public sector. My thanks go to all those in the Corporation, and the City Police, for their work on putting this event together.

Engagement

We also look forward to hosting Lord Hanson alongside the Security Minister when they visit COLP in October. And we are working closely with colleagues in Remembrancer's and Corporate Affairs Teams to follow up on recent Parliamentary debates and conference meetings to engage those who have shown an interest in the Economic and Cyber Crime area.

We are looking forward to the COLP annual Economic Crime Briefing on 10th October, bringing together strategic leads from across all forces and regions to hear the latest developments on economic crime. This is the second year that the invitation has been extended to Police and Crime Commissioners and provides an excellent opportunity to help underline the valuable role local forces play in the wider response to economic crime.

I will be attending the APCC & NPCC Partnership Summit being held at the QEII Conference Centre on 19th- 20th November, which will be covering a range of important topics from policing productivity and financial resilience to the wider impact of deepfakes and the local impact of geo-politics.

Independent Custody Visitors

I am encouraged that we have selected three new Independent Custody Visitor (ICV) volunteers from our recruitment campaign. I look forward to them joining our existing ICV cohort, and to the City attracting further volunteers in the coming weeks.

Policing Plan 2025 – 2028

PAB Members will have received an invite to a session with the City Police on the next Policing Plan for the City on 7 October (11.30 – 12.30). I hope that as many Members as possible will attend. It is an opportunity to receive the feedback received thus far, including from the City's communities, on priorities for the new Plan, and to offer views.