

Committee(s): Police Authority Board	Dated: 4 December 2024
Subject: Commissioner's Update	Public
Which outcomes in the <i>City Corporation's Corporate Plan</i> does this proposal aim to impact directly?	CoLP impact the following Corp Plan 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	For Information
Report author: Peter O'Doherty, T/Commissioner	

Summary

The *public* updates for Operations and Security and Economic and Cyber Crime are attached.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to note the report.

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Operations and Security

Security and Policing of the International Investment Summit

Under the leadership of Commander Umer Khan as Gold and Superintendent Helen Isaac as Silver and working in partnership with the Corporation, CoLP successfully delivered a safe environment at short notice for the International Investment Summit. The event received high profile media attention with over 450 delegates attending from all over the world, was excellently managed through effective planning, resourcing and team work, which included liaising with a small protest group to ensure no disruption occurred on the day.

Lord Mayor’s Show 2024

The collaborative working between the Corporation and COLP, under the leadership of Commander Khan as Gold, T/Supt Wynne as Silver ensured that that event was delivered successfully. The professionalism and dedication of those involved in planning, preparation and working the day contributed to making the Lord Mayor’s show a safe memorable event.

Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday - The City of London Police pay their respects

To remember our fallen soldiers who gave their lives, The Commissioner Pete O’Doherty laid a wreath and on 11th November the City of London Police paid their respects by observing a two minute silence in the City.

Greenpeace protest at Unilever London HQ sees 35 people charged

As part of the City’s ongoing efforts to protect the city and minimise disruption to businesses and the public, the City of London Police have charged 35 people after Greenpeace protesters locked themselves inside a central London headquarters. Environmental activists staged the protest at Unilever House, a global consumer goods company. Through a prompt response, a specialist team were utilised to remove and arrest 35 protestors for aggravated trespass and public order offences which represents one of the largest operations of this nature in the Square mile. 33 protestors were charged and bailed, with 2 more protestors being charged and remanded to court.

COLP awarded “Silver” by Inclusive Employers

The City of London Police pride ourselves in being an Inclusive employer, which is driven through the recent launch of the new Equality, Diversity and Inclusion strategy (EDI). This excellent work has seen COLP being awarded Silver on the Inclusive Employers Standard (IES) which is an evidence-based accreditation used by over 450 organisations in the UK to help facilitate excellence in this area. To gain this accreditation required a detailed overview of all activities in line with six pillars (Engage, Equip, Empower, Embed, Evaluate, Evolve) of the inclusion framework. This achievement highlights to our people and our partners that inclusion is integral to our organisation and that we fully understand the business case for EDI.

Golden recognition for the City of London Police from the Ministry of Defence (MOD)

The City of London Police continues to work closely with strategic partners, other law enforcement bodies and the Armed Forces to support their communities. We have been awarded the Gold Employer Recognition Scheme by the Ministry of Defence (MoD) for our support and commitment to the Armed Forces community.

HeforShe Article published by United Nations – Violence against Woman and Girls (VAWG)

A priority focus remains the concerted efforts to maintain public trust and confidence in minimising violence against women and girls in the City, driven through the “Op Reframe” initiative. The City of London Police recently presented the Op Reframe initiative at the National HeforShe conference as part of our commitment to challenging and transforming discriminatory attitudes and behaviours to promote gender equality. Their excellent work was also recognised by the United Nations who published details of the Op Reframe operation in the annual “HeforShe Impact Report.”

Junior Cadets launched

The City of London police are dedicated to engaging with young people and maybe identifying and training our police recruits for the future. September saw the launch of the Junior Police Cadets for 15 young students aged 13-15 yrs old at St Pauls Cathedral school who were randomly selected by the school from over 100 applications. They will undertake a 4-grade program, aimed at promoting new skills, good citizenship and activities based

around policing as well as other standard training such as basic first aid. Separately, our cadets recently took home 15 gold medals for team events and twelve for individual events at the inaugural inter-police Cadet Summer Games, which was organised by the City of London Police. Congratulations Cadets on this brilliant result!

Cycle Team

Op Lewis is aimed at reducing anti-social behavior in the city, and tackling the increase of illegally adapted e-cycles on the street. In September/October the Cycle team has completed; 18 arrests, 297 traffic offence reports/fixed penalty notices, 64 intelligence reports, 48 cycles security marked, 48 response calls answered and seized 48 E-bike/scooters. The team have conducted educational events relating to e-bikes, legislation, security cycle marking and giving safety advice in support of the governments ambition to get more people cycling and using this as a primary method of transport in the city.

National Lead Force

Strategic Leadership and Engagement

On Thursday 10th October, the Commissioner hosted the Economic Crime Briefing Day at the Barbican. The day brought together senior leaders from across law enforcement to reflect on the achievements of the previous year, provide key strategic updates and set the vision for the coming year. Guests to the events included senior representatives from the Crown Prosecution Service, the National Crime Agency and the Home Office. Minister of State (Minister for Security), the Rt Hon Dan Jarvis provided a bespoke video message for the event setting out the governments vision.

On Monday 14th October, the Commissioner hosted Lord Sir David Hanson, Minister of State at the Home Office with responsibility for Fraud. Lord Hanson received presentations focusing on the National Lead Force Responsibilities, National Economic Victim Crime Unit and Fraud and Cyber Crime Reporting and Analysis Service. Representatives from the Home Office were also in attendance and further visits are being scheduled.

On Wednesday 16th October, Assistant Commissioner Adams gave a keynote speech at the Cifas fraud prevention service held at the Royal College of Physicians. The conference was the annual members conference attended by industry and the representatives from the public sector involved in fraud prevention. CIFAS launched their fraud pledges during the conference stating its aims for the coming year.

On Friday 18th October, Assistant Commissioner Adams hosted the National Lead Force All Staff Engagement Day held at Livery Hall, Guildhall. This event was attended by 222 officers and staff from the City of London Police. For the first time since its inception, the conference was also live streamed to make it as accessible as possible for colleagues that were unable to attend in person. A further 58 colleagues joined online for the event. The engagement day focused primarily on the successes over the past year, the current challenges and the future vision. A wellbeing lecture was also given, which was well received by colleagues.

Operational

Officers from the Police Intellectual Property Crime Unit (PIPCU) in collaboration the Metropolitan Police executed search warrants at three addresses. A total of 500 counterfeit airbags and an estimated £140,000 in cash were seized across all three premises. Police dogs found £110,000 of this wrapped in nappies and hidden inside a wall cavity at one of the residential properties. The investigation was launched following a referral from the United States Homeland Security Department.

An investigation by the Fraud Operations team has seen a man jailed for eighteen months after fraudulently claiming a £50,000 bounce-back loan to help payback court order fees from a previous £72 million fraud case. The individual used a false identity to apply for the loan, which was then paid to him. He used £22,000 to settle an outstanding court debt.

National Support & Co-ordination

The City of London Police's National Co-ordinators Office has now begun visiting all Regional Organised Crime Units (ROCU) in England and Wales. The purpose of this visits is to enhance engagement and debrief three key

strategic programmes, namely, 1) Anti money Laundering and Asset Recovery, 2) Fraud Reform and 3) Cyber programme. The ROCUs host the Proactive Economic Crime Teams, which are the regional delivery arms of the National Fraud Squad. Since inception, this is the first time a cross-network review will be completed to identify best practice and ensure the co-ordination function by the City of London Police is being effectively delivered.

Media

On Tuesday 1st October, Action Fraud launched its awareness campaign on email and social media hacking. The campaign provided typical methodology utilised by attackers as well as tips on how to stay safe online. There has been extensive media coverage of the campaign both within the UK and from overseas publications.

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