

<b>Committee(s):</b> Police Authority Board	<b>Dated:</b> 12 February 2025
<b>Subject:</b> Commissioner's Update	<b>Public</b>
<b>Which outcomes in the <i>City Corporation's Corporate Plan</i> does this proposal aim to impact directly?</b>	CoLP impact the following Corp Plan outcomes: Vibrant Thriving Destination- (Community Safety/ CT) Dynamic Economic Growth- (National Lead Force)
<b>Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>If so, how much?</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>What is the source of Funding?</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Commissioner of Police	<b>For Information</b>
<b>Report author:</b> 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**

**Operation Tinsel 2**

Operation Tinsel 2 was delivered over the Christmas period targeting those crime types that increase over the festive period. The operation was delivered by Response officers, Dog units, Mounted and Specials who were tasked with patrolling designated hot spot areas to prevent and respond to crime including theft and violence connected with the nighttime economy. Positive action was taken through arrests, issuing fixed penalty notices, drug warnings and recording investigations to keep the public safe. A full debrief will take place including statistics on outcomes to inform this year's Operation.

**New Years Policing Operation**

Under the leadership of Commander Umer Khan, through effective planning, resourcing and teamwork, and in partnership with the Corporation, CoLP successfully delivered a safe environment for the thousands of people celebrating the new year in the city. Colp supported the wider Pan-London Security Operation with the Metropolitan Police and other partners.

**Keeping the City safe during County Lines Intensification Week**

Colp continues the proactive disruption, dismantling and pursuit of Serious and Organised crime and those involved in Class A drug supply within the city. December saw the County Lines Intensification week in a bid to remove drugs from our streets and to support children and vulnerable adults at risk of exploitation. Overall, in the City, officers made multiple arrests, seizing a large amount of cocaine, 36 bags of cannabis, crystal meth, 20 bags of MDMA, three knives, an air pistol and £11,700 in cash.

**Man sentenced to 31 months imprisonment for drug supply**

Following outstanding work by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), a male has been sentenced to 31 months imprisonment having pleaded guilty to possession with intent to supply Class A drugs, including cocaine, MDMA and ketamine. He was also sentenced to four months imprisonment for possession with intent to supply a Class C drug.

**Violence Against Woman and and Girls in the city (VAWG)**

Colp are committed to minimising the risk of violence and harm to woman and girls in the city, and take all reports of rape and sexual assault seriously. The Public Protection Unit (PPU) have secured the conviction of a male who was sentenced to six years and five months in prison for an attempted rape of a woman in a bar in the City. Further excellent work by the PPU, has seen the conviction of a man who sexually assaulted a woman who was going home after a night out. Having pleaded guilty to two counts of sexual assault by touching and one count of sexual assault by penetration, he received a five year and four-month prison sentence and will be on license for a further three years.

**Police Officer’s praised for giving lifesaving CPR to man**

Response officers; Insp Keane and PS Fraser have been praised following their vital intervention of a man who collapsed in a pub where they performed urgent medical treatment through a defibrillator and performing CPR. Their remarkable composure and actions stabilised the male before being transported by ambulance where he received further treatment before being released from hospital.

**Prolific Gym thief sentenced**

Through great team work by the Proactive Crime Team and CID a prolific offender was identified, arrested and investigated for a number of theft and fraud offences. He pleaded guilty to theft and 11 counts of fraud, for which he received a Criminal Behaviour Order banning him from entering certain gyms nationwide and sentenced to 27 months imprisonment.

## **Cycle Team**

The team supported the forces response to the increased night time economy for the Christmas period, under Op Tinsel. They continue to tackle anti-social road behaviour in the city through Op Lewis, and tackling the increase of illegally adapted e-cycles on the street. In December the Cycle team completed; 6 arrests, 162 traffic offence reports/fixed penalty notices, 27 intelligence reports, seized 26 E-bike scooters seized and 21 response calls answered. The team were joined on patrol by BBC Panorama, who were highlighting the ongoing problems with illegally modified e-bikes. This has since aired in early January 2025, showing the team and the Colp in a positive light around how we are tackling this issue.

## **National Lead Force**

### **Strategic Leadership and Engagement**

On Thursday 09<sup>th</sup> January 2024, Commissioner O'Doherty & Deputy Commissioner Adams hosted the Prime Minister, The Rt Hon Sir Keir Starmer KCB KC MP. The Prime Minister visited the City of London Police to convene a roundtable with Commissioner O'Doherty & Deputy Commissioner Adams, as leads for Fraud, Cyber and Economic Crime and other senior law enforcement officers to discuss illicit finance and organised immigration crime. During the visit, the Prime Minister also spent time with officers discussing cases the City of London Police has led and coordinated nationally. The visit was extensively covered by local and national media outlets both in print and broadcast.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025, T. Commander Andrew Gould gave a keynote address at the NPCC Cyber crime Pursue Conference in Birmingham. This brings together law enforcement experts from across the UK and international partners dedicated to addressing the threat posed by cyber crime.

On 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025, Deputy Commissioner Adams joined a panel discussion at the Economic Crime Congress held in London. This annual conference hosted by UK Finance brings together, the financial sector, law enforcement and the wider public sector to discuss harms and impact of economic crime.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> November 2025, Deputy Commissioner Adams hosted the Serious Organised Crime Economic Exchange (SOCEX) conference in Stratford Upon Avon focusing on financial crime. This is an annual conference with 400 delegates working in law enforcement attending. It is the largest law enforcement conference focusing on financial crime in the UK. There are presentations throughout the two-day event, given by law enforcement and the private sector with the aim of sharing knowledge and expertise.

### **Operational**

In November 2024, Fraud Operations successfully secured a conviction of an individual who worked with in the HR department of two separate businesses based in the City of London. The individual had paid themselves over £100,000 by generating fake invoices during their tenure with the companies. Due to the compelling case the fraud operations team compiled, the individual pleaded guilty and was sentenced to over three years imprisonment.

In December 2024, the Insurance Fraud Enforcement Department (IFED), secured convictions against three men following their unsuccessful plot to defraud an insurance company of £102,827. The two men deliberately staged a collision between two cars, including an Aston Martin and then subsequently submitted fraudulent claims. The men's sentenced ranged from 18 months imprisonment through to 100 hours of unpaid work with respect to their culpability.

In January 2025, a computer hacker who stole unreleased music from artists and then subsequently sold it online has been sentenced. The Police Intellectual Property Crime Unit

(PIPCU) launched an investigation following a referral from industry in June 2022. In January 2023, following investigation, PIPCU executed warrants at the hackers home address where vital evidence was seized. The hacker pleaded guilty to nine copyright and four computer misuse offences and was sentenced to 21 months imprisonment, suspended for 24 months.

In January 2025, a man who sold counterfeit designer products from a shop in Manchester has been sentenced to two-years imprisonment, suspended for eighteen months. In 2021, the Police Intellectual Property Crime Unit conducted a search warrant at the shop. They seized over 19,000 counterfeit items that included perfumes and watches.

## **Media**

In the month of December, Action Fraud ran the annual “12 Frauds of Christmas” campaign. The campaign focuses on the most prevalent frauds that are reported to Action Fraud and provides advice on how to stay safe during the festive season. The campaign was extremely successful being highlighted by national media outlets and with over 3 million people viewing the campaign across social media channels.