

Committee(s): Police Authority Board	Dated: 14 May 2025
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 Local Operations and Security and National Economic and Cyber Crime are attached.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to note the report.

Police Authority Board – Commissioner’s Update –

Local Operations and Security

CoLP New Policing Plan 2025- 2028 – Going the extra mile

CoLP are pleased to introduce our new policing plan for the next three years, which has evolved and was developed by listening to our staff, our communities and our partners. The Commissioner Pete O’Doherty has stated the plan will guide our work across the entire organisation over the next three years and help us achieve our new vision, which is to be *‘a trusted and inclusive police service, keeping the City of London safe and transforming the national policing response to fraud, economic and cyber crime’*.

CoLP launches new initiatives to tackle phone snatching as part of new policing plan

The new CoLP three-year policing plan details our determination and commitment to protecting the public from theft, by pursuing and disrupting Organised Crime Groups who are involved in phone snatching in the city which remains a priority. An innovative approach to tackle theft, has seen CoLP working in partnership with the City of London Corporation to introduce an iconic blue circular paint design on pavements across the Square Mile where phones have been snatched by criminals. This is to raise awareness and prevention by encouraging the public to look up and look out for phone snatchers.

Change to Home Office Counting Rules (HOCR) for Theft and Robbery

As of 1st April 2025, there is a change in the way that retail thefts involving violence are recorded. All crimes where an offender has stolen from a shop and used or threatened violence against a shop worker, security guard, or any other person in order to escape the premises with the property will be routinely recorded as Robbery. Although it’s acknowledged that with this change to the HO Counting rules we may see an increase in recorded Robberies, it is hoped this will lead to a more consistent recording process and improved identification of violence in retail crime.

Supreme Court Ruling on Gender

This judgement was a landmark ruling and will affect domestic legislation. Following this ruling NPCC Diversity, Equality & Inclusion Coordination Committee initial guidance has been received and discussed, (we await the full guidance). The Network Chairs, Professionalism and Trust, along with Corporate Communications have met and discussed the impact on our staff and the public and identified urgent actions arising both internally and externally. This will be an agenda item at the next ED&I board to reaffirm our EDI commitment to making CoLP one of the most inclusive and diverse force in the country

National Business Crime Centre (NBCC) wins the UK Police Service of the Year at an event in London hosted by the Public Sector Transformation Awards.

CoLP are committed to working with business and our partners to keep those who live, visit and work in the city safe. Through innovation and influence the National Business Crime Centre (NBCC) has worked with business in the city, other police forces and retailers throughout the country to tackle retail crime through the coordination of national campaigns of action. Through the month of action in March 2024, and the National Week of Action in October, there were 1100 Safer Business Action Days across England, Wales and Northern Ireland involving over 6350 police officers and staff who effected over 1200 arrests. Safer Business Action Days are a partnership initiative that deliver a targeted response to tackle retail crime and ASB in our town and high streets.

Prolific shoplifter jailed and given five-year ban

Excellent work from the Proactive Acquisitive Crime Team (PACT) has resulted in a prolific shoplifter targeting the City of London, being sentenced to 10 weeks imprisonment for 5 counts of theft and receiving a Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO) banning him from entering the Square Mile for five years.

Organised Crime Group (OCG) ringleader sentenced to 15 years imprisonment

The Serious Organised Crime Team (SOCT) are dedicated to bringing criminals to justice and keeping people in the city safe. Their brilliant work targeting members of an OCG supplying Class A drugs in the city, has resulted in the ringleader being convicted of conspiracy to supply drugs and possession of a prohibited firearm without a license. He was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment and received a Serious Crime Prevention Order, which places conditions on him after his release. The members of the OCG were sentenced to a total of 33 years imprisonment

with a further two suspects due to be sentenced at a later date. The positive actions of SOCT have led to the Organised Crime Group being dismantled with firearms and drugs worth more than £45,000 seized.

Cycle Team

The Cycle team continue to support the forces response to cycle theft (Op Kirk) and phone snatching (Op Niven). They play a fundamental role in tackling Anti-Social Behaviour and promoting road safety in the city through Op Lewis concentrating on protecting vulnerable road users and seizing illegal e-bikes as part of their 3 E (Engage, Educate and Enforce) approach. The team were recently joined on patrol by the BBC and ITV who both provided coverage of their excellent work, their statistics for March to 7th April include;

15 arrests

252 Traffic offence reports

15 E-bikes seized.

Mounted Branch and Dog Section Pass Out and Naming Ceremony

CoLP recently hosted a pass out and naming ceremony at Wellington Barracks celebrating the success of the Dog Section officers who passed their drugs, cash and explosive detection courses, along with two Mounted Branch reserve officers successfully completing their training. The event attended by Deputy Commissioner Paul Betts, James Thompson CBE (Deputy PAB Chair), Master Loriner Nick Bensted-Smith and Deputy Henry Pollard, also witnessed the naming of Police Horse Negus in memory of former CoLP officer Kim Negus who sadly passed away last year.

Peter O'Doherty

Commissioner

City of London Police