

Committee(s): Police Authority Board	Dated: 8 October 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, 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 receives “Outstanding” grading from His Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) for how it records crime

HMICFRS carried out the Police, Effectiveness, Efficiency and Legitimacy (PEEL) inspection across February and March 2025, CoLP were graded “outstanding” for recording crime and “good” for both investigating crime and responding to the public.

CoLP officers ride in the 2025 Police Unity Tour

Commissioner O’Doherty, PS Ford, Pc Cope, Pc Herilhy and Pc Daniels represented CoLP riding in the 2025 Police Unity Tour in memory of fallen CoLP officer Ian Kellaway. They completed the tour attended by UK forces, cycling over 200 miles in three days to support families of fallen colleagues.

CoLP provide Mutual Aid assistance to President Trump visit to Scotland

In July CoLP provided supporting mutual aid assistance for Operation Roll 2, the policing operation for the visit of the President of the United States. The operation involved local, national and specialist officers from Police Scotland as well as colleagues from UK police forces including CoLP, which was sourced successfully by duty planning with no impact on other resourcing demands in the city.

CoLP cadets take gold in the second Cadet Summer Games

Congratulations to CoLP cadets who recently won at the second inter-police Cadet Summer Games, taking an impressive 11 gold medals! Organised by the City of London Police, cadet units from British Transport Police, Essex Police, Metropolitan Police Service and West Midlands Police travelled to compete in a series of games and races at Parliament Hill Athletics Track. Cadets competed in individual and team events including sprint races, tug of war, shield runs and field events.

CoLP continue to pursue and disrupting Organised Crime Groups committing phone snatching offences

Pursuing, disrupting, and protecting the public from phone snatching remains a CoLP priority with Hot Spot analysis and taskings used to assist frontline officers to mitigate the threat. Supporting the wider “Op SWIPE” strategy, the Serious Organised Crime Team (SOCT) are leading several operational initiatives into the upstream activities of organised criminals involved in phone crime. This proactive work has already resulted in some excellent progress including the identification and freezing of suspected criminal proceeds totalling £6.3 million. Significant seizures of phones continue to be made of handsets often destined for overseas linked to thefts, street thefts, robbery, and fraud. A further intensification period is planned for September, in which phone marking events will take place, “Hot Spot” high visibility patrols will be conducted in targeted areas utilising data, and media will be utilised for crime prevention advice.

Prolific bag thief sentenced to two and half years in prison

One of CoLP’s primary policing plan objective is keeping those who reside, live and visit the city safe. A joint investigation by the Volume Crime Unit (VCU) and the Proactive Acquisitive Crime Team (PACT) has resulted in a thief targeting pubs in the city being sentenced to two and half year’s imprisonment for theft, having pleaded guilty to six counts of theft. The prolific offender was also handed a Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO), banning him from entering the city of London for six years.

Burglar who stole £24,000 pleads guilty to three counts of burglary

CoLP continue to prioritise targeting offenders who commit theft and burglary in the city, providing a fast response to minimise the impact on victims and thoroughly investigate all evidential leads to bring the perpetrators to justice. Following an excellent suspect stop by officers, response by forensic crime scene officers and an investigation led by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), has resulted in a prolific

suspect pleading guilty to three counts of burglary where he stole £24,000 worth of wine. They are due to be sentenced for the offences in September.

Six men sentenced to nearly 25 years in total for dealing cocaine in the city

The CoLP Serious and Organised Crime Team (SOCT) are committed to keeping the city safe by focusing on dismantling organised crime groups involved in the production and distribution of drugs, human trafficking and money laundering. Excellent work by SOCT has resulted in an Organised Crime Group (OCG) being dismantled who supplied cocaine in the City of London with six key suspects being sentenced to 24 years and six months imprisonment.

Cycle Team

CoLP Cycle team are at the forefront nationally of promoting road safety and the seizure of electric cycles being used illegally on roads in the city. Sergeant Ford from the cycle team, recently gave a presentation for the College of Policing about how to deal with illegal e-bikes, explaining how the cycle team effectively operates in the city and providing advice regarding e-bike enforcement. The cycle team continue to focus on protecting vulnerable road users, seizing illegal e-bikes, and tackling anti-social behaviour through Op Lewis taking their 3 E (Engage, Educate and Enforce) approach. In addition to supporting the forces response to cycle theft (Op Kirk) and phone snatching (Op Swipe), the team have now implemented the CP Medic initiative during nighttime economy by triaging patients and safeguarding vulnerable people by conducting VAWG patrols to prevent people becoming victims of crime.

Cycle Team stats below from June 25 – August 2025.

27 Arrests

2171 Key Messages

8 Stop Search (6 positive)

502 Traffic offence reports

72 E-bike/scooter seizures

19 Process to court

83 intel reports

National Lead Force

Strategic Leadership and Engagement

On Monday 30th June, Deputy Commissioner Adams opened the courier fraud summit. This was a new partnership initiative promoting the collaboration between law enforcement and industry. The event was well attended with representatives from regional Policing teams and the private sector committing to work in tandem to tackle and focus this crime type.

The City of London Police has continued in partnerships with the National Economic Crime Centre in its engagement with strategic partners to refine the future vision and operating model as part of the discussions around Police Reform.

Operational Highlights

In July 2025, A group of six fraudsters, including a practicing solicitor, who ran two bogus investment schemes and coerced over 150 victims out of £6 million have been sentenced in connection with fraud and money laundering offences. The fraudsters promoted a £3.5m bond scheme offering attractive fixed interest returns of seven per cent. The victim funds were used to repay other investors and fund the lavish lifestyles of the offenders. Officers took over 150 witness statements as part of this investigation. The offenders sentenced ranged from seven years six months imprisonment to twenty months imprisonment suspended for two years. There was significant press coverage of this investigation at the time of sentencing.

In July 2025, two offenders who earned £1 million by operating three illegal streaming websites were sentenced. The suspects sold illegal access to copyrighted content through websites. They used the funds to buy designer clothes and jewellery, holidays and a Jaguar F-Type V8 coupe worth £91,000. The principle offender was sentenced to three years and one month in prison. The co-defendant pleaded guilty to money laundering and was sentenced to 15 months imprisonment suspended for one year.

In August 2025, a man has been sentenced for orchestrating a sophisticated insurance fraud involving high-value classic cars, including two 1990 Ford Sierra Sapphire RS Cosworths and a 1976 Mk2 Ford Escort RS2000. The offences connected to an insurance company centred around six separate claims submitted between February 2019 and March 2020, in which the suspect insured classic vehicles he described as being in immaculate condition. Shortly after the policies were activated, he reported the vehicles stolen and lodged substantial claims. The offender was sentenced to twenty-three months imprisonment suspended for two years and ordered to repay the money obtained via fraud.

National Support & Co-ordination

In July 2025 the City of London Police, launched a targeted intensification alongside the Metropolitan Police Service in Hatton Garden targeting courier fraud. Officers, from both forces focused their efforts in Hatton Garden to disrupt fraudsters who coerce vulnerable individuals into purchasing high-value gold and jewellery under false pretences. As part of the wider strategy, officers visited retail units as well as engaging with local taxi firms to raise awareness.

The National Business Crime Centre will now be led by Superintendent Maslen and moved under National Functions. In July 2025, Supt Maslen joined the Policing Minister, Dame Diana Johnson, in launching the new Tackling Retail Crime Together strategy.

Media Highlights

There has been extensive media coverage in relation to the City of London Police successfully securing an INTERPOL Silver Notice in August to assist in tracing and recovering assets. This relates to a suspect who was sentenced in absence in 2023 for a large investment fraud. In June 2025, confiscation proceedings against the suspect were issued for the sum of £64 million.