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Strategic Engagement

Recent weeks have seen a good deal of strategic engagement, including:

Briefing to PCCs on the replacement service for Action Fraud - I led a briefing to Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) supported by CoLP's Deputy Commissioner and Temp Commander on the replacement for Action Fraud - highlighting the key features of the new system and improvements to the victim reporting experience. The briefing also highlighted the timeline for Go Live of the new service (in early December).

Ministerial engagement on the draft Fraud Strategy - in my capacity as APCC portfolio lead on Economic and Cyber Crime, I met with Lord Hanson (Home Office Minister for Fraud) to feed back on the Government's draft Fraud Strategy, which also allowed me to extend an invitation to meet the new Lady Mayor to explore ways the City of London Corporation can further support their ambitions in this important area, particularly around broadening engagement across the private sector.

Engagement with the MoJ and Home Office Permanent Secretaries - Alongside Oliver Sells KC and the City Surveyor, I met the Permanent Secretary of the MoJ to discuss plans for the use of the new Courts Complex at Salisbury Square. This project will be providing crucial additional capacity in the criminal justice system and there are tremendous opportunities to support the national roles of the City of London Police. I will also be meeting the Permanent Secretary of the Home Office, which will provide a valuable opportunity to discuss police reform and the work of the City Police and the Corporation to improve the response to economic and cyber crime.

Surviving Economic Abuse Roundtable – I was delighted to speak at this event on how financial services firms can work together to better support victims of economic abuse. I also had the pleasure of speaking at the **Financial Services 360 Conference**, hosted by the Payments Association, on the importance of public-private partnership, in particular the role of the tech sector to tackle fraud, economic and cyber crime. Other speakers included the City Police Commissioner and Lord Hanson, who spoke about the launch of the Government's expanded fraud strategy.

I also participated in the recent **APCC & NPCC Partnership Summit**, engaging with national policing leaders on collaborative approaches to strengthening policing accountability and improving outcomes for the public. The summit took place shortly after the Government announced its intention to abolish Police and Crime Commissioners, offering a timely opportunity to consider the future landscape of governance, accountability, and oversight across policing. I took part in a meeting the APCC Board held with the Policing Minister during the conference.

PCC reform

The Policing Minister wrote to me on 13 November about the reforms to the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) model of police accountability which were announced to Parliament that day. The Minister confirmed that the changes she set out will not affect governance arrangements for the City of London Police, which “reflect the unique status and history of the City of London”. But the Minister said that she was keen to work with the City “to consider whether any further improvements and efficiencies can be made”. We will work collaboratively with the Home Office on this and on the plans for the future police accountability model more generally, including to share learning from our experience in the City.

City-focused activity

“16 Days of Activism” is a global campaign calling for the prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls, held annually from 25 November to 10 December. This year’s theme, “There’s #NoExcuse for Online Abuse,” underscored the growing need to address digital harms. The Community Safety Team, City of London Police, the Police Authority Board, and a wide range of partners collaborated to deliver an extensive programme for residents, workers, and visitors throughout the campaign period. Notably, the City Safe Bus, was launched earlier in October, is a joint project with the Eastern BID, Aldgate Connect BID, and City of London Police, stationed outside Liverpool Street Station to support individuals needing medical or police assistance. The Community Safety Team and City Police also undertook extensive engagement with 52 hotels across the Square Mile to encourage participation in the Safe Haven scheme. This broad programme of work, including the e-training available to SME’s on domestic abuse highlights our unwavering commitment to reducing violence against women and girls remains central to our Policing Plan, which prioritises putting victims at the heart of everything we do and ensuring people in the City are safe and feel safe, aligning closely with the Government’s Safer Streets mission.

‘Winter of action’ on retail and street crime – Members should note that following the successful ‘summer of action’ initiative, the Home Secretary has asked Police and Crime Commissioners to co-ordinate the development of local plans for a ‘winter of action’ on retail and street crime, running from 1 December to 31 January. The City is well-prepared for this, with much planning already underway as part of Op Tinsel – the City-Police-led Christmas-time intensification initiative.

ASB Action Plans – The Home Office has commissioned all police forces to produce plans, to be scrutinised by their Police and Crime Commissioner, for tackling anti-social behaviour under the government’s Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee. Work is underway in the City to develop this and it will be brought to committee in the New Year – Members should note this as a forthcoming opportunity to see, in one place, both the City Police and partners’ joint action plans for tackling ASB in the Square Mile.

New City-Corporation-funded e-learning tool for SME’s on domestic abuse – The Employers Initiative on Domestic Abuse – of which the City Corporation became a leading ‘Beacon’ member last November - will shortly be launching a new free e-

learning programme for SME's on domestic abuse, designed to help them improve their policies and procedures around domestic abuse. This e-learning has been developed with funding from the City's Police Authority, and will be promoted both locally and nationally, including as part of wider comms around the *16 days of Activism* on violence against women and girls (see above).

Continuing action on cycling behaviour - Members will recall that a report on cycling behaviour was brought to Local Policing Committee in September, which was picked up by media including the London Evening Standard and BBC. The City Police have continued to deliver enforcement and engagement work on cycling since September, including a successful road safety engagement event on 20 November at Bank Junction. I plan to update Members on progress on all the 'plans to go further' set out in September's paper before the New Year. Additionally, Members should note that the City Police's cycle team are looking to run the next event at Aldgate Square in late January which will be a Cycle Safety and Crime Prevention Roadshow. Further information will be disseminated closer to the time for Members who wish to attend the event.