

# City of London Corporation Committee Report

<b>Committee(s):</b> Economic Security and Cyber Crime Committee	<b>Dated:</b> <b>23 February 2026</b>
<b>Subject:</b> Deputy Commissioner's Update (National Leadership Functions)	<b>Public report:</b> For Information
<b>This proposal:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>delivers Corporate Plan 2024-29 outcomes</b></li></ul>	People are safe and feel safe
<b>Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?</b>	No
<b>If so, how much?</b>	N/A
<b>What is the source of Funding?</b>	N/A
<b>Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?</b>	N/A
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## Summary

This report provides an update on National Leadership Functions from the Deputy Commissioner of the City of London Police.

## Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

- Note the report.

## Main Report

### Background

1. The following report outlines notable activity in the last quarter delivered by National Functions (City of London Police).

## **Current Position**

2. As below

## **Options**

3. None – for information only

## **Proposals**

None – for information only

## **Key Data**

The following the Deputy Commissioner's strategic update for this period;

### **Staffing**

Commander Tor Garnett will be going on a period of leave prior to maternity leave from mid-February. T/Commander Oliver Shaw will be covering her role until her return.

### **Strategic Leadership and Engagement**

Activity during the last quarter has focussed predominantly on the launch of Report Fraud which has now been successfully complete. As the project transitions into the next phase, I am sure you will join me in congratulating Chris Bell and his team on this momentous achievement. Further detail will provided in a separate agenda item.

In early December, Deputy Commissioner Adams attended the Global Anti Scams Alliance (GASA) conference in New York with senior CoLP, NECC and Home Office colleagues. The contingent also participated in a variety of bilateral meetings with US law enforcement and industry partners, gaining a broader understanding of their anti-scam centre approach.

Planning for the 1SS project continues in earnest and strategic engagement across various forums is ongoing. On 27<sup>th</sup> January Deputy Commissioner Adams spoke at a Parliamentary breakfast event which was well received. Further engagement events with organisations such as CIFAS, the Payments Association and TechUK are imminent.

February will be a busy month with the launch of the eagerly awaited new fraud strategy. Having undergone its public launch last month, the parliamentary launch of Report Fraud will also be taking place, most likely on the same day. CoLP are hopeful that much of the comprehensive feedback provided on the content of the Fraud Strategy will have been incorporated in the final version.

Members may have read Commissioner Pete O'Doherty's column article in the Times on 20<sup>th</sup> February where he extolled the benefits of the new Report Fraud service and

advocated for further public-private collaboration in the fight against fraud and cyber crime moving forward.

The Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner and other senior CoLP staff will be attending the Global Fraud Summit in Vienna in March, hosted by Interpol and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. This high-level event will bring together ministers and senior representatives from across governments, law enforcement, private sector, civil society organizations and international organizations.

In January Deputy Commissioner Adams, the PAB chair and CoLP colleagues welcomed Solicitor General The RH Ellie Reeves MP to GYE and had the opportunity to share with her the importance of CoLP's national leadership responsibilities.

At the end of January Dr Michelle Haslem, Director General Homeland Security Group, will also be visiting CoLP.

### **Operational Highlights**

An insurance broker who abused his position of trust to divert payments totalling more than £133,000 into his own personal bank account has been sentenced to more than five years in prison, following an investigation led by the Insurance Fraud Enforcement Department (IFED). The offender used his role as an insurance broker to mislead customers, falsify documents, and misdirect payments intended for legitimate insurance policies. His actions left individuals and businesses without valid cover for homes, vehicles, and commercial property - placing them at serious risk. He was sentenced in November at Inner London Crown Court a total of five years and three months in prison.

Two PIPCU officers received an award from the United States Officer of the Inspector General from the Department of Motor Vehicles (US Government) in recognition of their successful investigation into the sale of counterfeit airbags, a significant public safety issue. The investigation, conducted in partnership with Homeland Security Investigations, saw 3 suspects arrested from two addresses in which hundreds of counterfeit airbags were recovered, as well as £210,000 in cash. Of the three suspects, two are awaiting trial in the UK and one has been sentenced to prison in the US.

Project Capstone continues to develop and achieve some significant operational success. This is the NPCC cybercrime portfolio's commercialised, collaborative approach with the private sector to analyse and develop augmented online data, in order to identify OSOC threats and cryptocurrency confiscation opportunities that would not otherwise be attainable to UK Policing. The project has so far achieved crypto asset seizure opportunities in excess of £50 million, the seizure of around £5 million of USDT, relating to a UK-based fraud, the identification of over 20 UK-based cybercriminals, over 40 viable cryptocurrency asset seizure opportunities relating to UK-linked frauds and the identification of 10 high-level Dark Web drug vendors operating in the UK

Operation Callback 2 took place in November and December 2025. This was a London based operation run by the Metropolitan Police and support by CoLP targeting courier fraudsters based in the capital. Proactive policing tactics were deployed against fraudsters contacting vulnerable victims nationally and persuading them to hand over money or valuables to couriers. This was accompanied by extensive protect activity and media campaigns. Analysis of courier fraud data show overall losses nationally have slowly decreased over the past two years, with significant dips in offending levels during and immediately following operations such as this.

Planning continues in earnest for Operation Henhouse 5 in February, the annual month-long fraud intensification funded by the NECC and coordinated by CoLP. Participation from all forces and ROCUs, along with some partner agencies, is anticipated.

### **Media Highlights**

Various outlets reported on a recent PIPCU operation targeting illegal Sky streaming services. Headlines such as “Massive UK crackdown just blocked millions from streaming Sky TV for free” led articles describing a major police operation to shut down a illegal streaming platforms. The operation took place last week in Manchester with four people arrested and £750,000 worth of equipment seized. The investigation was launched after Sky reported suspicious activity connected to a large-scale illegal streaming operation. Investigators identified individuals suspected of running an unlawful IPTV service that supplied millions of users across the UK. One suspect is alleged to have earned more than £3 million from the operation. Sky confirmed that the illegal service experienced widespread disruption nationwide.

Temporary Detective Chief Superintendent Amanda Wolf participated in a Times interview entitled “How Britain tried (and failed) to stop a £10 billion crimewave”. This article set out some ways in which the new Report Fraud system will enhance the response to fraud using improved technology and AI.

### **Corporate & Strategic Implications –**

Strategic implications – None

Financial implications – None

Resource implications – None

Legal implications – None

Risk implications – None

Equalities implications – None

Climate implications – None

Security implications – None

## **Appendices**

- None

**Deputy Commissioner  
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