

Committee(s): Local Policing Committee	Dated: 22 September 2026
Subject: Local Policing Update Commander Mandy Horsburgh – Operations and Security	Public
Which outcomes in the <i>City Corporation's Corporate Plan</i> does this proposal aim to impact directly?	For information
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 Commander Mandy Horsburgh	For Information
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Summary

The *public* updates for Local Policing Operations and Security

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

- Note the report.

Local Policing Committee Update

Local Operations and Security

Safer City Streets highlights

Officers continued to deliver proactive activity aimed at preventing crime and increasing public confidence across the Square Mile. Operation Reframe saw officers and partners undertake targeted activity focused on tackling sexual offending and supporting victims, receiving positive feedback for visible policing and safeguarding activity.

On 30 July, a Neighbourhood Policing Day of Action brought together officers and partners to tackle acquisitive crime during the day and tackle violence against women and girls during evening operations, addressing community concerns and maintaining a visible policing presence and in line with our operational priorities of keeping people in the City safe and feeling safe.

Operational teams responded to a serious incident near Aldgate High Street in early August. Following reports of disorder, officers quickly identified that a male had sustained a life-threatening stab wound and immediately administered a chest seal, actions which are believed to have saved his life. Support Group officers, the Dog Unit, licensing officers and investigative teams worked together to secure evidence, identify suspects and make an arrest

Similarly, excellent teamwork between Response Group A, Tactical Firearms Group and the Joint Command and Control Room led to the arrest of three suspects following the detection of a vehicle linked to a high-value armed robbery on 26 July. The swift and coordinated response prevented further risk and demonstrated the effectiveness of intelligence-led policing.

Barbican ASB reduction –

Following on from some increased tasking hours, joint teamwork, problem solving and partnership work has resulted in a 25% reduction in ASB throughout July with positive feedback from the community following on from community intelligence and directed patrol activity where it was most needed. At the time of writing there is still a decrease showing throughout August but as we are not at month end final figures will need to be reviewed following month end and can be verbally discussed. A plan is still in progress with regards to a consistent ASB reporting system.

Family Fun Day

On Saturday 25 July over 600 staff, officers and their families attended the family fun day, in the Guildhall Yard. The City of London Police Federation organised the event, with generous support from our Chief Officer Team, Police Authority Board, CIS Security, City of London Police Charity for Children, Bishopsgate Crime Prevention Association and commercial partners whose sponsorship helped make the day possible. Colleagues from across the force gave up their time to help organise the event and support it on the day. Feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive and planning for next year has commenced.

Operation Makesafe

Operation Makesafe delivered outstanding safeguarding outcomes through targeted engagement with the hospitality sector. The team completed 30 hotel assessments, almost four times the normal average, and achieved engagement levels 300% higher than neighbouring forces. The initiative increased uptake of child exploitation awareness and provided welfare and vulnerability engagement training, enabling hotel staff to identify and respond to previously unseen safeguarding risks. The introduction of a live engagement tracker improved accountability and informed future operational activity, while the proactive engagement model has demonstrated a scalable approach to protecting vulnerable people that could be adopted

more widely across policing.

Project Servator

The City of London Police has secured £96,000 of external funding to support the continuation and enhancement of Project Servator deployments across the City. This investment reflects confidence in the force's delivery of the national Servator model and will strengthen our ability to deliver intelligence-led protective security, visible deterrence and community reassurance activity. The funding will support additional deployments aligned to current threat and risk assessments, including a specific focus on protecting vulnerable locations and sites of interest across the City, particularly those associated with the Jewish community.

This will enhance the force's ability to provide visible reassurance, strengthen community confidence and respond proportionately to the evolving threat environment. A revised business plan is being developed to maximise the benefits of this investment and ensure delivery remains aligned to local intelligence, National Project Servator principles and wider protective security objectives. Further verbal updates can follow as this is fairly new at the time of report.

Operational Highlights

City Belonging Contributions and Engagement

On the 16th of July the City of London Corporation hotel safety kit launch took place at the Guildhall with the Corporation lead (Jenna Stanley) and Commander Horsburgh was in attendance as well as the Victims commissioner.

In short, this toolkit equips hotel staff with the skills to recognise and respond to any safeguarding concerns including, but not limited to, domestic abuse and serious sexual offending. Working collaboratively between our partner Safer City Partnership, City of London police, our safer City and the safer Business network to highlight the important work that is being undertaken in line with our operational priorities of keeping people in the City safe and feeling safe.

On 17 July, approximately 200 people attended the launch of the City Belonging Champions initiative, focused on promoting inclusion, connection and a sense of belonging across the Square Mile. The event provided a valuable opportunity for our officers to engage directly with businesses, employees and community partners while highlighting the crucial role policing plays in creating a safe and welcoming City. Feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive, with many participants praising the professionalism, visibility and commitment of City of London Police officers and staff. Survey responses at the event showed high levels of confidence in the force and strong perceptions of safety in the City. External stakeholders also publicly recognised the value of the force's contribution to making the Square Mile a safe and inclusive place to live, work and visit

Operational Activity

Theft from Motor Vehicle

Following on from report of thefts from motor vehicle and working across hotspot policing methodology police were deployed to the areas affected which resulted in the arrest of two males, brilliant work from the officers. Both offenders have been bailed with conditions pending CPS advice. This was in response to a rise in vehicle crime at the location.

Further work is underway to ensure NCP management for further crime prevention and awareness.

Most significantly, there have been zero reported offences at the location since these arrests. Prior to the operation, the area was experiencing between 8 and 10 offences per month, creating considerable impact on victims. This represents a significant crime reduction success and an excellent example of targeted problem-solving policing delivering lasting results

Cycle Team

The team completed an Exchanging Places Road Safety Event in the Barbican on 15th July with 200 people attending. There is another on 16th September on Farringdon Street.

The team are continuing with the 3 E approach. Engaging, educating and enforcement with a behaviour change the main aim. Officers are liaising with TFL and Will Norman, the Cycling Commissioner to help spread the same message across the whole of London.

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PS Ford completed a presentation to the National Federation for the Blind UK (NFBUK) on the work the team are doing to protect vulnerable road users, especially those with disabilities.

City of London Police have received media coverage past few weeks around the cycle safety work, including a recent article in the Telegraph. Also, the Cycle Team are featured on the new B-Bike Positive Website.

An outstanding intervention was delivered in relation to a politically sensitive rough sleeping encampment. Joint activity involving BTP, the City Corporation, MAPT and NPT at Unilever Green resulted in problematic individuals moving from the location, highlighting the value of effective partnership working

Retail Crime

Shoplifting in the month of July was reduced from 155 offences in 2025 to just 84 in July 2026. This follows effective use of deployment plans, prevention work and local engagement with businesses.

Additional Highlights

Commissioner O'Doherty, PC Sibyl Beaumont, PS Steve Cope and PS Stu Ford completed the Police Unity Tour from Friday 7th August to Sunday 9th August. The tour raised £250,000 this year with 440 cyclists riding from their own force areas to the Arboretum in Staffordshire. The city officers formed part of Chapter One, the largest chapter. They rode from London to cover the 180 miles to the Arboretum.