

Member Induction Briefing – August 2021

The City of London Police Authority and The City of London Police Authority Board

The Court of Common Council is the Police Authority for the City of London Police in accordance with the City of London Police Act 1839 and the Police Act 1996. The Court delegates this function, largely, to the City of London Police Authority Board (until recently named the Police Committee). The Board is responsible for holding the Commissioner to account in running an effective and efficient service; ensuring value for money in the way the Force is run; and setting policing priorities taking into account the views of the local community.

The [Board's terms of reference are available here](#). Other key items of reading are the [Force's Policing Plan 2020-2023](#), its [Annual Report](#), and [the City's Corporate Plan](#). [The Police Authority website can be found here](#).

Public past agenda papers [are available online here](#) (Membership, future meeting dates and other information about the Board and its meetings can also be found here.) Past non-public papers are available on the intranet, via the mod.gov app or via request to the clerk. The non-public agenda pack for the Board meeting on 22 June 2021 is set out as an appendix.

Policing Plan

The Policing Plan is a statutory requirement that set outs the Force's objectives and priorities for the policing of the City for the forthcoming financial year. The Plan acts as both a planning tool for the Force and as an important mechanism for communicating the Force's and the City of London Corporation's intentions to the public, partner agencies, and other stakeholders. It is a critical document that determines, directs and communicates the Force's [priorities](#) for the City.

The Police Authority Board and the Force 's Senior Management Team meet in the Autumn of each year to begin the objective setting process for the following year's Policing Plan. This will also include discussions about future funding and resourcing. This workshop is a great opportunity for PAB members to feed in any policing concerns/issues from their elected colleagues or local communities and help shape the policing plan priorities for the City.

The refreshed Policing Plan [priorities for 2020-23 are available here](#)

Committees of the Board

The Police Authority Board appoints a number of Committees to assist in the oversight and scrutiny Force. These include:

- [Economic and Cyber Crime Committee](#) – scrutinising the National Lead Force function
- [Strategic Planning and Performance Committee](#) – scrutinising the Policing Plan and performance
- [Resource, Risk and Estates Committee](#) – scrutinising budgets, resource deployment/workforce planning, major projects and risk
- [Professional Standards and Integrity Committee](#) – scrutinising professional standards, equalities and engagement, and determining review of complaints against the Force.

[The 2021/22 Terms of Reference of these Committees are available here.](#)

The Board also appoints the Chair and Deputy Chair of the [City of London Police Pensions Board](#), the body responsible for overseeing the police pension scheme.

Members of the Board are all expected to serve on at least one Committee. All decisions are made by the Police Authority Board unless specifically delegated to a Committee and enshrined in its terms of reference.

National Lead Force for Fraud and Cyber Crime

Since 2008, the Force has been the National Lead Force for Fraud and Economic Crime. In 2020, they also became the National Policing Lead for Cyber - [National Lead Force for Policing Economic and Cybercrime](#). They are working towards five outcomes (below) in order to fulfil this role:

1. The public has confidence in the Action Fraud reporting service;
2. People and organisations are prevented from being victims of fraud, and victims are supported;
3. Police resources are coordinated and deployed efficiently and effectively against fraud threats;
4. Fraudsters operating nationally are identified and offending is disrupted; and
5. Policing has the capability and capacity to detect, disrupt and deter perpetrators of fraud.

The Police Authority maintains local scrutiny and oversight of the force in meeting its stated objectives at its quarterly [Economic and Cyber Crime Committee](#) meetings. Regular updates are also provided to the Police Authority Board on key developments in this area.

The Police Authority also has a key role in supporting the force to deliver these outcomes, particularly by supporting the force's engagement with key stakeholders, such as Government, APCC, Her Majesty's Inspectorate Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services, local communities and business and industry leads.

The Chair of the Police Authority Board chairs the Authority's Economic and Cyber Crime Committee and also sits on the Home Office Fraud Policing Oversight Board, which is where the City of London Police is held to account externally for its role as National Lead Force for Fraud and Cyber Crime, complementing the oversight and scrutiny provided by the Authority's own Economic and Cyber Crime Committee.

The Chair of the Economic and Cyber Crime Committee has sat on various consultative bodies, such as the Steering Committee for the Royal United Services Institute report on Cyber Fraud (please see RUSI's report on the UK's response to Cyber Fraud below) and on the Advisory Board for the Police Foundation report on crime prevention.

Reports of the force's performance against its key performance indicators in this area is available on the [meetings pages](#) for Economic and Cyber Crime Committee of the City of London Police Authority Board.

The **City of London Corporation** supports the Force through the promotion of positive cyber practices that focus on looking to the future of cyber security. This includes supporting the UK cyber security market to scale its existing offer by promoting it as part of our international visits. They also help to develop new and innovative solutions for the purpose of preventing fraud and scams through their partnership with the Financial Conduct Authority on the Digital Sandbox. With a growing global cyber insurance market, the City Corporation have taken steps to position London as the pre-eminent global hub for cyber insurance, supporting collaboration between the cyber security ecosystem and insurance industry.

Special Interest Area Scheme

The Board operates a Special Interest Area (SIA) Scheme whereby appointed Members have oversight of specific area of work within the Force, gaining expert knowledge for feedback to the Board, bringing their own skills and expertise to bear in advising the Force, and enhancing the Board's scrutiny of the Force. The [Special Interest Area Report for 2020/21 is available online here.](#)

Following a review, the SIA scheme for 2021/22 has been radically changed so in most cases, the SIA remits have now been incorporated into the relevant Committee Chair's role. The SIA Lead role for Safeguarding & Public Protection (including the ICV Scheme) has however been retained for 2021/22.

External Scrutiny of the Force

- ***Independent Advisory and Scrutiny Group***

The Force is also subject to external scrutiny by the Independent Advisory and Scrutiny Group (IASG), which met for the first time in June 2020. This new body aims to partner with the Force to increase trust and confidence in policing among all communities and provide constructive advice to the Force on its service delivery.

- ***Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary, Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS)***

Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) independently assesses the effectiveness and efficiency of the City of London Police, in the public interest. HMI for the City of London is Matt Parr. [All current and past HMICFRS reports are available online here.](#) and the Police Authority Board and its Committees ensure that the Force implements the HMICFRS recommendations, where appropriate.

- ***Reviews commissioned by the Police Authority Board***

From time to time, the Police Authority Board requests reviews of key areas of the Force's work. In January 2020, the Board commissioned Sir Craig Mackey to undertake a review of Action Fraud – herewith the [report](#)

- ***Independent Custody Visitor Scheme***

The Independent Custody Visitors are volunteers who give up their free time to provide independent scrutiny of the treatment of those held in police detention and the conditions in which they are held. The City of London Independent Custody Visitor (ICV) Panel consists of 12 visitors who visit the custody suites at Bishopsgate Police station once a week and their concerns are raised with the Force and where appropriate, to the Police Authority Board by Deputy Bottomley – who is the SIA Member lead for Safeguarding & Public Protection. Our

Independent Custody Visitor Scheme run and managed by the Police Authority's Scheme Manager Rachael Waldron and is rated as Silver by the National Association. Considering the size of the scheme this is essentially the highest level the scheme could receive and showed that the scheme adheres to all national standards and provides exemplar policies.

Association of Police and Crime Commissioners

The [Association of Police and Crime Commissioners](#) (APCC) is the national body that supports Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs), and other local policing oversight bodies across England and Wales, to provide national leadership and drive strategic change in the policing, criminal justice and wider community safety landscape, to help keep our communities safe. In 2020/21, the APCC had the membership of all 40 PCCs in England and Wales as well as the City of London Police Authority, the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime for the Greater London Authority, the Greater Manchester Combined Authority and the Jersey Police Authority.

The Association of Police and Crime Commissioners has a portfolio approach in which Police and Crime Commissioners are given the responsibility to lead on policy development in portfolio areas. The Chair of the Police Authority Board is the Deputy Lead for the Economic and Cyber Crime Portfolio. He also represents the **other police governing bodies** on the APCC Board of Directors – which includes the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime for the Greater London Authority, British Transport Police Authority, Ministry of Defence Police Committee and Civil Nuclear Police Authority.

Within these roles, the Chair champions the fraud agenda and seeks to raise fraud as a priority in local crime and policing plans while providing a channel to share the views of PCCs with key central stakeholders, particularly the Home Office.

Safer City Partnership (SCP) – Working together to reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime in the City

The [Safer City Partnership \(SCP\)](#) (the City's Community Safety Partnership) is a 'statutory body' created under Sections 5-7 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. Our partnership is made up of representatives from the City of London Police, the City of London Corporation, London Probation, Clinical Commissioning Group and London Fire Brigade. They are known as 'responsible authorities'. Other non-statutory bodies are also invited to be members e.g. representatives from the business community or the voluntary sector.

The Safer City Partnership members work together to protect local communities from crime and anti-social behaviour. They play a key role in reducing and preventing crime and disorder and to help keep the Square Mile safe. The partnership [SCP page](#) has a number of statutory duties, including the production of a strategy [SCP Plan page](#) to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in the local area. One of the most valuable aspects of the SCP is its ability and potential to tap into the wide range of powers and resources of its partner agencies to help prevent crime and address underlying factors.

The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 introduced a responsibility for Police and Crime Commissioners and responsible authorities in Community Safety Partnerships to act in co-operation with each other in exercising their respective functions. The Safer City Partnership (supported by the Corporation's Community Safety Team) co-ordinates key services to the Square Mile, working with

the Chair of the Police Authority Board (our PCC equivalent) to help solve local problems, which also contribute to the delivery of the Policing Plan.

The Deputy Chair of the Police Authority Board is the Deputy Chair of the Safer City Partnership Strategy Board. The Police Authority Board's representation on this Board helps the Police Authority to fulfil our role for the totality of policing in the City (both for policing but also the crime element of the role, particularly crime prevention and reduction).

Secure City Programme

The Police Authority Board provides oversight of the Secure City Programme. This is a major programme delivered jointly by the City of London Corporation and the City of London Police. The programme will deliver a state-of-the-art security platform and capability that is commensurate with the needs of modern-day security and services across the City.

City of London Law Courts and Police Accommodation Project

The Police Authority working in collaboration with the City of London Corporation, HM Government and the City of London Police established the Fleet Street Estate Programme in May 2018 to deliver a new headquarters for the City of London Police at 1 Salisbury Square, the City of London Law Courts (an 18-court facility combining Magistrates, Crown and Civil Courts for HM Government) and a commercial building off Fleet Street. Please see the video link for the Salisbury Square scheme:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Glo3ddR0e-g>

The oversight and scrutiny of the Fleet Street Estate Programme is undertaken by the [Capital Buildings Committee \(CBC\)](#). The CBC is responsible for the management and oversight of major capital building projects (i.e. those projects with an estimated budget of £100 million or more), together with other such projects which have been referred to it.

In addition, the Police Authority's Resource, Risk & Estates (Police) Committee provides oversight of the Force's management of resources – which includes scrutiny of the Force's capital programmes & spend and the Police Estates Strategy requirements.

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