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Tackling Cyber-Crime – Nottinghamshire Police

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of Nottinghamshire Police's:

- Current capacity and capability to manage cyber related crime
- Identification and management of vulnerability
- Collaborative and preventative working arrangements

2. Recommendations

2.1 It is recommended that this report is noted along with the presentation on tackling cybercrime that will be given on the day of the Panel.

3. Reasons for Recommendations

3.1 The presentation is intended to provide Members with further information around the resources dedicated to tackling cyber-crime in Nottinghamshire and what this means in practice for local victims as well as how that differs from the work being undertaken by Trading Standards.

4. Summary of Key Points

4.1 Cyber-crime is an increasing factor that enables the commission of conventional criminality and is also a developing threat as the world becomes ever more digitised. This has created new forms of crime that can be committed anywhere in the world, which are technically complex to investigate and jurisdictionally limiting.

4.2 Acquisitive crime, such as fraud, is enabled through the use of technology and current estimates indicate that half of all recorded offences are fraud related, with a high proportion having a cyber-element to them.

4.3 Offences committed specifically through technology (cyber-dependant) can have various motivations. 'Hackers' for example may take personal pride in breaching sophisticated computer networks as a test of their own skills, whilst

business competitors may seek to disrupt their competition by damaging their ability to operate.

- 4.4 Most crimes have some form of 'digital footprint' whether as part of its commission or as a means to investigate them. The investigative opportunities that arise from CCTV, mobile telephones and computers etc. are well documented but it is also important for law enforcement to keep pace with the changes in technology and adapt accordingly.
- 4.5 The clear focus of Nottinghamshire Police is to identify those that are most vulnerable to cyber related offending and to take preventative steps to reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim or of reoccurrence if they already have. In doing so, we have developed capability across a number of specialist fields that allows us to not only investigate but to collaborate with partners to provide and deliver the best available advice to victims, the general public and business communities.
- 4.6 Developing programs to train front line officers and building relationships with partner agencies will prove to be key measures in managing future resilience against increases in demand. Nottinghamshire Police is part of a regional and national structure that recognise the threats posed by cyber-crime and are working jointly to combat and protect against it.

5. Financial Implications and Budget Provision

- 5.1 Budget provision is in place for the dedicated team in Nottinghamshire Police who are responsible for this area of business.

6. Human Resources Implications

- 6.1 The presentation will elaborate on the number of resources within Nottinghamshire Police who are dedicated to tackling cyber-crime.

7. Equality Implications

- 7.1 There are no equality implications arising from this report.

8. Risk Management

- 8.1 Risks are managed via the corporate risk register and mitigation is put in place for areas identified and reported to the Force.

9. Policy Implications and links to the Police and Crime Plan Priorities

- 9.1 This area of business is linked in some way to each of the Police and Crime Plan priorities but particularly in regards to priority 3, tackling crime and antisocial behaviour.

10. Changes in Legislation or other Legal Considerations

10.1 There are no changes in legislation or other legal considerations to report.

11. Details of outcome of consultation

11.1 There has been no additional consultation in relation to this report or presentation.

12. Appendices

12.1 There are no appendices relating to this report.

13. Background Papers (relevant for Police and Crime Panel Only)

13. There are no background papers relating to this report.