BRITISH TRANSPORT POLICE AUTHORITY

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Subject:	**PROPOSALS FOR PRESENTATIONS TO THE AUTHORITY**
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For:	**DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL**

1. PURPOSE OF PAPER

1.1 To present a proposal for a series of in-depth presentations from the Force to Authority meetings in 2008/9 for Member approval.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 At its meeting on 20th December 2007, the Authority recommended that the Secretariat work with the Force's Strategic Planning Department to develop a proposal for a series of presentations to be made to the full Authority during 2008/9.

2.2 In particular, the Authority Chair was keen that this series of presentations should include both issues of current operational interest and those identified from the Force's current risk register.

3. DEVELOPING THE PROPOSAL

3.1 In developing the proposal, the Secretariat has consulted the most recent version of the Force's risk register (as presented to the Audit & Corporate Governance Committee on 6th November 2007). Reviewing both the risk register and the issues presented to the Authority over the preceding 12 months revealed that the Force had in fact recently provided presentations on most issues from the 2007/8 risk register. However, two issues emerged as suitable for further exploration as they were relevant to both current risks and areas where the Force had recently (or was about to) undergo a programme of investment or change. These topics were;

- The control rooms programme
- The Force's custody facilities

3.2 After identifying two suitable issues from the Force's risk register the Secretariat then liaised with the Force's Strategic Development Department to select three operational issues on which the Force was able to provide a detailed update on how it had significantly improved both its approach and the results it had achieved. The three topics which appeared to offer the best scope for illustrating the Force's recent improvements were;

- Offenders Brought to Justice
- Football & events policing
- Crime investigation/major crime

3.3 After selecting five appropriate presentation topics, the Secretariat developed the proposal attached at Appendix A which sets out why the topic had been selected, what current level of awareness Authority Members are likely to have and what it would be useful for Members to learn from a presentation on each topic.

3.4 The area of crime investigation/major crime is particularly relevant, because HMIC is currently carrying out an inspection into these areas. From interviews conducted with Members, an emerging theme could be the extent to which there is oversight of these activities at Member level. We may need to review our governance arrangements once HMIC has reported.

4. DISCUSSION & APPROVAL

4.1 Members are asked to review and approve the attached list of presentations as the topics on which the Force will be invited to develop a series of in-depth presentations to the Authority during 2008/9.