BRITISH TRANSPORT POLICE

Agenda Item 7

REPORT TO:	**British Transport Police Authority**
DATE:	**4 March 2008**
SUBJECT:	**2008-09 Policing Plan**
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1. PURPOSE OF PAPER

1.1 The purpose of this paper is to present the proposed 2008-09 British Transport Police (BTP) National and Local Policing Plan objectives and targets.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 A British Transport Police Authority (BTPA) Policing Plan Subgroup was formed in September 2007 in order to assist BTP in producing the 2008-09 Policing Plan. In particular the Group was tasked with overseeing the engagement and target setting processes. The Group is chaired by Sir David O'Dowd with the membership comprising of Suzanne May, James King, Jeroen Weimar and Robin Gisby. The first meeting of the Group occurred on 2 October 2007.

2.2 The Subgroup endorsed a simplified, two-tier approach to setting the 2008-09 targets and this was also subsequently endorsed by the full BTPA meeting on 22 January 2008. The two tiers relate to National and Local targets. National targets are set centrally by Force Headquarters and all Areas are expected to contribute, whilst Local targets are agreed by Areas in consultation with their stakeholders. Local targets are also subject to rigorous quality assurance by the Deputy Chief Constable and the relevant Assistant Chief Constable.

3. NATIONAL TARGETS

3.1 The National targets (attached as Appendix A) have been produced as a result of advice from the BTPA Subgroup and after two rounds of consultation with Chief Officers. The targets are reflective of the key challenges that BTP expect to face in 2008-09 and complement BTP's strategic objectives and Efficiency Review Programme (ERP).

3.2 A set of National targets was approved by the 22 January 2008 full BTPA meeting. However, after discussion with BTP, the BTPA Subgroup requested that the link between the Strategic Plan and the Policing Plan was made more explicit. As a result of this, two more targets have been agreed. They are to reduce notifiable crime by at least 2% and to increase the overall notifiable detection rate by 1 percentage point. This has also required some realignment of the targets in the Strategic Plan so that the language and measurement frameworks are aligned.

4. LOCAL TARGETS

4.1 The Deputy Chief Constable has recently had meetings with all Area Commanders, together with the relevant Assistant Chief Constables and representatives from Strategic Development. During these meetings the Area Commanders were rigorously tested on the suitability of their proposed targets and the quality of the local engagement on the Area. The product of these meetings was an agreed set of Local targets, which are outlined in Appendices B and C. These targets have been scrutinised by the BTPA Subgroup, who agreed all of the targets subject to some amendments, which have been implemented.

4.2 Appendix B gives an overview of Local targets by BTP Area and crime type. A more detailed breakdown is given in Appendix C, which provides details on each Area's targets. Wherever possible, Appendix C outlines:

- A description of the crime types targeted
- The number of crimes recorded April 2007-December 2007
- The number of crimes detected April 2007-December 2007
- The detection rate April 2007-December 2007
- Relevant targets set in 2007-08
- The proposed target for 2008-09.

4.3 All Areas have entered into meaningful dialogue with their stakeholders, including passenger groups and representatives, and the targets reflect the local consultation and engagement that commenced in September. Strategic Development has analysed all of the targets and is

confident that they can be reported on within the Force Management Information documents and Data Warehouse where appropriate.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 That Members approve the targets outlined in the appendices to this paper.