

## BRITISH TRANSPORT POLICE AUTHORITY

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**Report to:** Police Authority

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**Subject:** APA Restructuring

**Sponsor:** Chief Executive & Clerk

**For:** Information

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1** At the last meeting of the Authority, I reported proposals that the APA were considering, to put in place a new structure. The APA is suggesting that the way forward will be to have 4 Policy Networks, which will replace the current framework of Committees and Working Groups. The Membership of the APA is also being split into regions. A National Specialist Group has been created, which includes BTPA, City of London, MOD Police and Civil Nuclear Police Authority

### 2. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

- 2.1** There have been discussions between Chief Executives of the authorities within our Group and I have taken soundings from Members. As a result, the following nominations have been put forward to the APA for representation from our Group on each of the Networks. The Authority will recall that the proposal is that each Regional Grouping will have 1 representative on each of the Networks. The proposals are as follows:-

<u>Network/Group</u>	<u>Proposed Representative</u>	<u>Comments</u>
APA Board	Simon Duckworth Chairman of City of London Police	
People Policy Network	Dr Marie Dickie MOD Police Committee	Dr Dickie was Chairman of Northants Police Authority, was Chairman of the APA

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		Human Resources Committee and has considerable experience in Personnel and related matters
Business/Corporate	David Riddle Chair MOD Police Committee	Mr Riddle was formerly Clerk to the British Transport Police Committee and, latterly was Deputy Chief Executive at the MPA. He has been heavily involved in business processes within the MPS.
Citizens Focus	James King BTPA	
Strategic Policing	Simon Duckworth Chairman of City of London Police	I and others have made representations about the need to engage other Members of our Group in this Network. I have an assurance from the APA that BTPA, CNPA & MOD will be Members of the net Network, as co-optees.

- 2.2** The APA Secretariat is putting proposals to the Plenary Meeting of the APA and its AGM on the 16<sup>th</sup> July. I understand that the intention will be to pilot the new arrangements for a trial period. I will now need to have discussions with my counterparts, to ensure that representatives on each of the Policy Networks are adequately briefed about the issues facing this Authority, and that we receive feedback from the discussions that take place. I realise that some Members have expressed concerns that they might lose contact with special interest areas such as Professional Standards and Health & Safety. I will need to monitor how the new arrangements work to make sure that the experience and expertise which Members have built up in specific areas is not lost, and is used to add to the debate. The Secretariat will pick this issue up in developing its Work Programme and next Business Plan.

### 3. FOR DECISION

- 3.1** This report is submitted for information.