BRITISH TRANSPORT POLICE AUTHORITY

Report to: **Police Authority**

Date: **Tuesday 6th May 2008**

Subject: **Review of the APA**

Sponsor: **Chief Executive & Clerk**

For: **Information**

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Over the last few months, the APA has been reviewing its structure, together with the roles and responsibilities of the various groups and committees within the APA. At the Plenary meeting on the 9th April, the Association agreed the principles of a new structure. The intention will be to introduce the new arrangements following the AGM in July.

1.2 The new arrangements will have implications for BTPA, and how we engage with the APA in future.

2. THE PROPOSALS

2.1 The full Association will continue to meet as the APA Council, which is no change from the current arrangements. However, the current Executive will be replaced by a Board, whose composition will be changed. Feeding into this arrangement will be a limited number of Policy Networks, whose roles and representations will be streamlined and more clearly focused.

2.2 The following illustrates the proposals:-

See Appendix 1

2.3 There are two major implications for BTPA. The proposal from APA is to establish regional groupings, who will be invited to nominate a representative who will sit on the APA Board. Their role will be to represent the views of their region, and act as a conduit back to the region in respect of key issues that are emerging through the APA Board and other networks. It is proposed to establish a grouping of non-geographical authorities who have a national

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or specialist policing role. This group will comprise BTPA, Civil Nuclear Police Authority, Ministry of Defence Police Authority, the National Police Improvement Agency and the City of London Police Authority. This will ensure that issues which are of concern to authorities such as BTPA (which have a national or specialist implication) will be aired and articulated at the Board.

2.4 The Chairs and Chief Executives of the authorities within our group (except for NPIA who could not attend) met recently and informally agreed that the Chairman of the City of London Police Authority should be the Group's representative.

3. POLICY NETWORKS

3.1 The proposal is to create four Policy Networks themed around the following business areas:

1. People	Human Resources Police Training Professional Standards Health & Safety
2. Citizens Focus and Partnerships	Neighbourhood Policing & Management Criminal Justice Crime Reduction Local Partnerships
3. Corporate/Business	Police Authority Self Audit & Improvement Police Performance Finance & Efficiency Corporate Governance
4. Strategic Policing Policy Network	Counter Terrorism Protective Services Collaboration – Operational and Support Services

3.2 Each of the regional groupings will be able to nominate 1 Member from the region to sit on each of these networks. An officer from each of the regions will be a Member, and other Members or officers will be invited to attend if their interests and experience are relevant.

3.3 The Association will also establish other networks as necessary if there are issues that need a wider consultation. Their role will be to look at specific pieces of work or particular projects.

4. IMPLICATIONS FOR BTPA

4.1 We will need to work closely with other colleagues within our groups, to ensure that any issues which are of significance are aired at APA. The

Secretariat will need to establish working relationships with our counterparts to ensure that appropriate support is given and BTPA's views are fed into any of the policy issues that are under discussion. Because the existing arrangements will no longer operate, the Authority will need to decide whether and how Members will engage in any of the newly created policy networks. Initially, there will need to be discussions with other authorities within our group to establish a way of working.

4.2 If Members have any immediate thoughts, it would be helpful to be able to feed them into the process. The next step will be for the APA to formally put the proposals to constituent authorities so that we can begin to organise our arrangements.

4.3 This item is submitted for information.