

Report to: Professional Standards Committee
Agenda item: 11
Date: 27th October 2009
Subject: Draft BTPA Senior Officer Complaints Policy and Senior (BTP) Staff Policy
Sponsor: Committee Chair
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For: Approval

1. Purpose of paper

- 1.1 To present the Committee with drafts of both the Authority's Senior Officer Complaints Policy and Senior (BTP) Staff Policy for approval.

2. Background

- 2.1 Police Authorities have a number of responsibilities arising from Section 15 of the Police Reform Act 2002 and Section 41 of the Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice Act (Scotland) 2006 in relation to dealing with complaints. These include a specific responsibility to act as the 'appropriate authority' in recording and investigating complaints against ACPO rank Officers.
- 2.2 The draft policy attached to this paper at Appendix A sets out how the British Transport Police Authority will record and investigate complaints against the Senior Officers of the British Transport Police. The Senior Officers of the Force being;
 - The Chief Constable
 - The Deputy Chief Constable
 - The Assistant Chief Constables
- 2.3 In consultation with the Force it has been agreed that in order to achieve consistency in the handling of complaints relating to members of the Strategic Command Team (SCT- formerly COG) the Authority will also receive and investigate conduct complaints made against the Force's Finance Director and

Human Resources Director. The proposed arrangements are set out in the policy attached to this paper at Appendix B.

3. Financial implications

3.1 No financial implications arise from this paper.

4. Risk implications

4.1 No risk implications arise from this paper.

5. Diversity implications

5.1 No diversity implications arise from this paper.

6. Recommendations

6.1 Members are asked to approve the draft policies attached to this paper at Appendices A and B.