

Report to: Police Authority
Agenda item: 4
Date: 22 September 2011
Subject: Chief Executive Report
Sponsor: Chief Executive
For: Information

1. Purpose of Paper

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to summarise the work of the Executive since the last Police Authority meeting to inform Members.

2. PSA and Charging Update

- 2.1 A paper on the contract is presented at agenda item 10. This is after considering the comments received from Members at the last Authority meeting. A meeting with the DfT lawyers and our lawyers is being arranged for October.
- 2.2 Two papers were presented to the Strategy group held on 14 July and after agreement of certain recommendations, a further paper was presented to the Strategy group held on 14 September. A verbal update will be given on the next steps agreed.

3. Progress on Annual Accounts

- 3.1 The unqualified annual accounts were filed in July 2011.
- 3.2 Work has commenced on the timetable for next year which will be presented to the Audit Committee on 20 September. The

timetable will need to be accelerated by four weeks in 2012 to accommodate accelerated reporting to the DfT.

4. Update on the Police and Social Responsibility Bill

4.1 The Chief Executive met the Permanent Under Secretary, Lin Homer, on the 19 September 2011 to discuss how the amendments the Authority and the Force seek are to be taken forward. A discussion also took place around sponsorship.

5. McNulty Review

5.1 Work on the Authority's response to McNulty is ongoing, a verbal update was provided to the Strategy Group on 14 September and a briefing for the Chairman by the Deputy Chief Constable is to be arranged during the week of 26 September in preparation for her meeting with the Permanent Secretary at the Department for Transport on 3 October.

5.2 The BTP/A review team have focused on producing a number of standalone products which identify and develop options for BTP in the future. A key one of those products is a specific response from BTPA to the cost saving options proposed in the AECOM¹ report. The headlines from each of these products are being drawn together in a final report which will form the basis of the Authority's response to the McNulty recommendations.

¹ AECOM (2011) Rail Value for Money Study: British Transport Police Review

6. Pensions Update

- 6.1 The draft results for the Police Staff Pensions Scheme valuation are included at agenda item 5
- 6.2 Work is ongoing with the Trustee on de-risking the investment portfolio of the Police Officers Scheme and will be reviewed by the Trustee to the scheme in late September.
- 6.3 Work around the governance is continuing and a letter on suggested changes will be sent to the Trustee, once we have feedback on the change in investment strategy.

7. Member Recruitment

- 7.1 The DfT have appointed 3 Members to the BTPA, subject to BTP Vetting. A verbal update will be given at the meeting.

8. Update on Recruitment

- 8.1 Francesca Okosi has been appointed as Director of Corporate Resources for BTP and will start in post on 3 October. This is a new post following a restructure of the Senior Command Team Portfolios. Francesca joins BTP from the East Thames Group, a social housing, care and regeneration agency, where she was Director of Support Operations.

9. Contracts

- 9.1 The Chief Executive signed and sealed off the following contracts:
 - PSA with DB Schenker
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9.2 The BTPA Finance Director signed and sealed the following contracts in the absence of the Chief Executive:

- Deed of Amendment, Railway Pension Scheme, BTP Superannuation Fund - 20.6.11
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- Firearms Officer Training Agreement - 7.9.11
- Deed amending BTP Shared Cost Section of Railway Pension Scheme - 12.9.11
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10. Recommendations

10.1 Members are asked to note this report.