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Report to: Police Authority

Agenda item: 6

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Subject: BTPA AGM

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For: Discussion and approval

1. Purpose of paper

1.1 To propose that an inaugural BTPA Annual General Meeting (AGM) takes place at the next meeting of the full Authority on 22nd September. Further, that an invitation to this meeting be extended to our senior stakeholders as set out in the Railways and Transport Safety Act 2003.

1.2 To propose that this meeting be used to initiate the Authority's consultation on the issues to be considered in both the refresh of the 2011-14 Strategic Plan and the forthcoming 2012-13 Policing Plan.

1.3 To seek approval from Members on this proposal and to review the draft Agenda for this event (attached at Appendix A) in order to stimulate an initial discussion between Members and BTP colleagues about the shape, content and anticipated inputs to/outputs from this inaugural AGM.

2. Background

2.1 In 2010/11 the Authority refreshed its stakeholder engagement strategy to both increase the frequency of contact with stakeholders and to deepen the level of engagement with them. In particular the Authority sought to ensure that all engagement activities were embedded in, and supportive of, delivery of the BTPA business cycle.

2.2 In addition to regular 1:1 meetings between the Chairman and senior stakeholders, a workshop event was held in September to launch work on both the 2011-14 Strategic Plan and the 2011-12 Policing Plan. This event was very well attended by colleagues at all levels from a range of our stakeholder groups and a great deal of information was received which formed the shape and direction of the current Plans.

2.3 Following delivery of the 2010-11 consultation activities, the feedback received indicated that our stakeholders welcomed this increased engagement and would support even greater interaction in the business cycle from 2011-12 onwards. In particular they sought to receive more regular feedback on delivery against the annual operational targets; on delivery of year one of the 2011-14 Strategic Plan and on shaping the plans for 2012 and beyond.

3. Proposals for 2011/12

3.1 In response to the feedback from stakeholders, and to secure even greater engagement from our senior stakeholders this year, an AGM event is proposed through which we intend to provide our stakeholders with;

- An overview of the Force and Authority's operational, organisational and financial performance in 2010-11 - from both a BTP and BTPA perspective
- An update on progress to date with the current Strategic and Policing Plans
- An opportunity to make observations/ask questions about the previous and current year's performance
- A first opportunity to make representations in relation to both the refresh of the Strategic Plan and the development of the 2012-13

3.2 In terms of outcomes for the Force and Authority this event will provide both an overview of our historical and current focus and performance and will provide a steer for our immediate and medium term planning. As such the Force in particular has requested that, in addition to the high level themes emerging, arrangements are made to ensure that the more detailed operational feedback is also captured as this is a useful input into the early stages of the development of the common and local Policing Plan targets.

3.3 A draft Agenda for the proposed event is attached to this paper at Appendix A for review and comment; at this stage this is still a high level document and intended to indicate the possible shape and content of the event.

3.4 The Authority is due to receive presentations on both Olympics planning and progress with disruption reduction work to its September meeting. If the AGM is approved it is suggested that

presentations on these topics could be included in the inputs to this event as both are of significant interest to our stakeholders.

3.5 The other issue due to be considered at the September Authority meeting is a first draft of the 2012/13 budget; Members are asked to consider whether they would prefer to take this item in a private session before or after this event, our recommended approach, or whether this item should be taken at a session held at another time.

4. Recommendations

4.1 Members are invited to approve the proposal for the Executive to arrange an AGM to take place on 22nd September 2011 also that our senior stakeholders are invited to attend this event. Members are asked to confirm that this event should also be used to launch the consultation on both the refresh of the Strategic Plan and the development of the 2012-13 Policing Plan.

4.2 Members and colleagues from BTP are asked to review and comment on the draft Agenda for the AGM presented at Appendix A.

4.3 Members are also asked to approve the proposal for the inclusion of the presentations as set out in section 3.4.

4.4 Members are asked to indicate a preferred approach for dealing with the draft budget proposals due to be reviewed at the September Authority meeting.