BRITISH TRANSPORT POLICE

Report to:	**Audit Committee**
Agenda item:	**5.3**
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Subject:	**BTP Quarterly Strategic Risk Report**
Sponsor:	**Deputy Chief Constable**
For:	**Information**

1. PURPOSE OF PAPER

1.1 To advise members of changes to the British Transport Police (BTP) Strategic Risk Register (SRR) since the last submission to Audit Committee on 20 March 2012, and update members on progress in risk management generally. The SRR is attached at Appendix A and was reviewed by BTP's Force Management Team on 23 May 2012.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The following table indicates the current ratings of all strategic risks:

Probability ➔	**Probable and Imminent (4)**		**SR63**		
	Probable (3)		**SR56**		
	Possible (2)		**SR61 SR64**		
	Remote (1)			**SR62**	**SR41**
	Impact ➔	**Minor (1)**	**Moderate (2)**	**Significant (3)**	**Major (4)**

2.2 Updates to the remaining Strategic Risks include:

- SR41 – Disaster Recovery - Risk Rating Unchanged

  Work to prepare the Disaster Recovery (DR) suite for the installation of the new servers has been completed. The servers that will host the DR suite were constructed at FHQ and transported to Birmingham on 23 May 2012. Pending successful completion of

testing, this should allow this strategic risk entry to be closed in June 2012. Completion of the project will also provide an environment for updates and patches to BTP systems to be tested prior to roll out across the organisation.

- SR56 – Cable Theft - Risk Rating Unchanged

  The year end performance on metal theft for 2011-12 showed a 16% reduction in the number of metal theft offences, the detection rate for which was 17% for live offences and 25% for non-live with a total of 618 arrests made throughout the year.

  BTP participated in a national week of action during March 2012 which involved 303 officers visiting 158 scrap metal dealerships and searching 150. This led to the arrest of 14 people and the recovery of over 7 tonnes of NWR metal in addition to 120 aluminium beer kegs and 51 kilograms of Scottish power cable. BTP was partnered in the day of action by 26 territorial police forces from across England, Wales and Scotland. The next planned National Day of Action takes place over 14 and 15 of May 2012 in line with Railpol, making this a Europe-wide initiative.

  BTP's Fusion Intelligence Unit will over the coming months work closely with partners including BT, SOCA and the UKBA to identify and develop intelligence around the exportation of metal and work to disrupt organised criminality involved in metal theft. Progress has been made in relation to collaboration with the Highways Agency; which has agreed to provide a dedicated analyst to metal theft, and work to extend similar arrangements to HMRC are being explored. TfL is also in discussion to place an analyst within the Fusion Intelligence Unit and it is anticipated that this will be in place in the near future.

  The Fusion Intelligence Unit continues to work closely with the Olympic intelligence team to identify potentially vulnerable areas around the rail network to inform areas for onward planning and resourcing. This will act to help minimise disruption during the Olympic period. The national roll out of Operation Tornado has begun following the initial success of the pilot scheme and it is anticipated that all ACPO regions will have introduced it by the end of 2012.

Finally, work continues to update legislation relating to the scrap metal industry. A Statute has been in place that will make it a criminal offence for scrap metal dealers to deal with cash since April 2012. However, this has not received Royal Assent. In the interim, DfT has allocated £5million to tackling metal theft and BTP is responsible for this money and governing how it is spent, in line with the strategic objectives that have been agreed with DfT and the Home Office. A number of bids have been received from various agencies and police forces across the country.

- SR61 – Counter Terrorism - Risk Rating Unchanged
  BTP has had the ability to deploy firearms trained officers since 24 February 2012 with plans to achieve the full complement of firearms trained officers in July 2012. A recruitment window to establish a body of trained reserve firearms officers has been opened, and it is planned that recruitment and training will be complete in September 2012. Work continues to identify options to change primary legislation to ensure BTP has equivalent powers to those of Home Office police forces in relation to the ability to deploy its firearms capability.

- SR62 – Scottish Police Service - Risk Rating Unchanged
  This risk rating remains unchanged following submission of the joint BTP and BTPA response to the Scottish Government consultation in relation to the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Bill. Initial concerns that the content of the Bill would reduce the powers of BTP officers have been addressed by recognition by both BTP/A and the Scottish Government of the need for an Order under Section 104 of the Scotland Act. This will also apply to other police services with cross-border jurisdictions including the Ministry of Defence police and the Civil Nuclear Constabulary.

- SR63 – WAN Project - Risk Rating Unchanged
  The majority of BTP sites have now transferred to the new WAN. However, the extension of the programme of work into 2012/13 has necessitated the provision of funding to cover the extension of the existing Global Crossing contract. All BTP sites were assigned priority ratings according to a three point scale (P1 to P3). All P1 sites

are now on the new WAN, however two P2 and four P3 sites will remain unconnected at the end of May 2012. Following completion of the project, an end-of-project review will be commissioned to ensure any areas of learning.

- SR64 – Medium-Term Financial Uncertainty - Risk Rating Unchanged
  Following consideration of the controls in place to manage this risk including provision for exit points and early termination of contracts within BTP's standard terms and conditions together with the scope of the Medium-Term Financial Plan, all identified actions have been discharged and the likelihood rating reduced. The risk will be retained on the SRR for monitoring purposes and will subject to quarterly review.

3 RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRESS

3.1 Progress on other risk management matters include:

- Delivery of two risk management workshops for risk champions and representatives.
- The Risk Management policy has been updated to better align with the National Decision Making model and will be published before the end of May 2012.
- A business case considering the worth of the implementation of a risk management system has been completed. The case has been delivered to the Head of Strategic Development for further action.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 No new financial implications arise as a consequence of this paper.

5 DIVERSITY ISSUES

5.1 The content of this paper relate to the management of risks to business risks and have no direct impact on any issues related to diversity and equality.

6 RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 That members note the amendments to the SRR and the update on risk management.