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Report to: Police Authority

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Subject: Chief Executive Report

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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.

2. PSA and Charging Update

2.1 The Authority has now provided a detailed written response to all those PSA holders that provided feedback on the draft PSA. ATOC has also received a response to its submission on behalf of its members. A pack of all the incoming and outgoing correspondence on the formal feedback has also been collated and shared with the Department for Transport along with a report summarising the key issues raised and our responses to them. The DFT have been asked to assess the risk of arbitration once the Secretary of State has agreed the PSA and it has been signed.

2.2 The DFT have confirmed that they will not:

a. Contemplate a contractual remedy where a public law remedy exists

b. Underwrite the cost of policing the railways hence they will adhere to Section 33 (5) (b) of the RTSA 2003 that allows the Authority to set the level of a customers contribution to offset a deficit in a previous financial year whether or not relating wholly as partly to functions carried out in respect of the customer.

2.3 Further meetings have been held with Network Rail and South West trains to explain the Matrix model. All fixed proportion PSA holders have been informed of what their charges would have been if they were charged through the Matrix Model in 2012/13.

3. Year End Accounts

3.1 The accounts are presented at agenda item 7 of the meeting. The process has gone extremely smoothly this year, despite having to accelerate the timetable by one month.

4. Budget 2012/13

4.1 The 2012/13 delegation letter from the DfT was received on 30 May 2012. Action is now in hand to understand the implications for delegations to the Force.

5. Pan London Agreement

5.1 The Authority Finance Director and Weightmans met TfL on 14 May and a further iteration of the contract was discussed. The draft contract is being checked by BTP. The contract will also now encompass the additional resources provided by LU / TfL for the medical response unit, the ERUs, the cable theft team and the cable car. When we have an agreed contract we will present this jointly with TfL to the Secretary of State for approval.

6. BTPA Business Plan 2012/13

6.1 The draft 2012/13 Business Plan is attached at Appendix A for comment and approval. The Plan describes the objectives of the Authority and the Executive for the financial year 2012/13. It reviews the context against which these objectives are set, including the economic environment, stakeholder feedback and government briefings.

6.2 The purpose of the Plan is to identify the priorities for the Authority and its Executive Team and provide a mechanism against which organisational success can be measured. Therefore, the Plan includes Committee and Group priorities which are under development, and action plans for the Executive Team clusters which will be populated on approval.

7. Winsor Review of Police Officer and Staff Remuneration and Conditions

7.1 Nothing to update since the last meeting; further information will be presented to and discussed at the BTPA Appointments and Remuneration Committee on 25th June. An update will be provided at the September Authority meeting.

8. Member Recruitment

8.1 **Michael Holden's** membership has been renewed for a further period of 1 year with effect from 1 July 2012.

8.2 The recruitment process for the **Member with Scottish interests** is under way. The DfT have advised that in accordance with the new Code of Practice that came into effect from April 2012, they now have to get No. 10 sign-off on all recruitment before proceeding. This has now been received.

9. Contracts

9.1 The Chief Executive signed the following contracts:

- PSA with Stobart Rail x 2 – 2.3.12
- Contract Change – CCTV System Software Integration – 19.3.12
- Rent Review for accommodation in Liverpool, 2nd Floor – 10.4.12
- Rent Review for accommodation in Liverpool, 3rd Floor – 10.4.12
- Lease for Centro House, Birmingham West Midlands x 2 – 4.5.12

9.2 The BTPA Finance Director signed the following contracts:

- BTP Accommodation – Doncaster – Tenancy Agreement – 15.3.12
- Railways Pension Scheme x 2 – Deed of Amendment of 1968 rules of BTP Superannuation Fund relating to annuities for widows – 27.3.12

9.3 The Chief Executive sealed and signed the following contracts:

- Licence to underlet at Centro House, Birmingham – 10.4.12
- Lease – Centro BMG West Midlands x 2 – 4.5.12

10. Consultation

10.1 The Chief Executive signed the following:

- BTPA & BTP Response to Call Evidence in respect of Police & Fire Reform (Scotland Bill) 2012 (Re PSS) – 6.3.12

11. Business Continuity

11.1 The Chief Executive signed the following:

- Business Continuity MOU for Spring House / Alternative accommodation for BTPA – 17.4.12

12. Shadow Board - APA Association of Police and Crime Commissioners - PCC National Representative Body

12.1 The APA has been offered a grant from the Home Office to establish the national representative body for PCCs. A Shadow Board has been established which will become the Interim Board when police authorities are abolished.

12.2 The Chairman has been invited to sit on the Board, and has attended the first meeting which took place on the 9 May 2012. A series of meetings have been arranged as follows:

- 8 June 2012
- 4 July 2012
- 20 August 2012
- 11 September 2012
- 7 November 2012
- 14 December 2012
- 10 January 2013

12.3 Tania Eagle has been appointed as Programme Manager for the new national body.

13. Strategic Performance Dashboard - Update

13.1 A summary update has been attached at Appendix B. There are no issues to bring to the attention of the Authority.

14. Recommendations

14.1 Members are asked to note this report.