BRITISH TRANSPORT POLICE

Report to:	**Police Authority**
Agenda item:	**8.3**
Date:	**12 June 2012**
Subject:	**BTP Strategic Risk Report**
Sponsor:	**Deputy Chief Constable**
For:	**Information**

1. PURPOSE OF PAPER

1.1 To provide members with a quarterly update on British Transport Police's (BTP) Strategic Risk Register (SRR). The SRR is attached at Appendix A and was reviewed in detail by Audit Committee on 31 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 Since the last report no new risks have been added to the SRR and no risks have been closed.

2.3 An update on the current risks is as follows:

- SR41 – Disaster Recovery - Risk Rating Unchanged

Work to prepare the Disaster Recovery (DR) suite for the installation of the new servers is complete. 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 2011/12 performance for metal theft for 2011/12 showed a 16% reduction in the number of metal theft offences, a detection rate for live offences of 17% and 25% for non-live, with a total of 618 arrests made throughout the year. A detailed update on the progress being made against metal theft is included in the Chief Constable's report to this meeting.

- SR61 – Counter Terrorism - Risk Rating Unchanged

  BTP has had the ability to deploy firearm trained officers since 24 February 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.

- 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. 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. RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 That members note the quarterly update on BTP's SRR.