



**BRITISH
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POLICE**

Report to: Audit Committee
Agenda item: 5.3
Date: 19 March 2013
Subject: BTP 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 4 December 2012, and update members on progress in risk management generally. The SRR is attached at Appendix A and was reviewed by BTP's Service Excellence Board on 14 March 2013.

2. UPDATE ON THE MANAGEMENT OF STRATEGIC RISKS

- 2.1. The following table indicates the current ratings of all strategic risks. Risks in italics signify risks that are considered to be as low as reasonably practicable (ALARP):

← Probability ↑	Probable and Imminent (4)		SR65		
	Probable (3)		SR56 SR64		
	Possible (2)		SR61		
	Remote (1)			SR41 SR62	
	Impact →	Minor (1)	Moderate (2)	Significant (3)	Major (4)

- 2.2 One new risk has been added to the SRR since the last review of risk management by Audit Committee:



2.2.1 BTP has identified a number of legislative anomalies that, by interpretation, do not recognise BTP as a police force or the Chief Constable as a 'Chief Officer of Police'. This has an adverse operational impact and can prevent BTP from fulfilling statutory duties as required by the Railways and Transport Safety Act.

2.2.2 A number of operational issues related to this risk have already been recognised and addition to the SRR reflects the aggregate impact of individual issues such as the inability to license Accredited Firearms Officers in the same way as territorial police forces, or the inability of BTP officers to require information from the registered keeper of a vehicle. Similarly, concerns have been raised about the possibility of unsafe convictions obtained by the use of illegally obtained information.

2.3 All the other SRR entries have been retained and significant updates since Audit Committee in December include:

- SR41 – Disaster Recovery

A business case for phase two of the Disaster Recovery (DR) project was agreed by the BTPA on 31 January 2013. It will extend DR support to a number of systems including CJX, email, Holmes, Origin and the Proxy Server. This has entailed the extension of the estimated risk closure date to April 2013. However, the ability to provide DR support for a number of critical systems from a COLD standby facility warrants a reduction in the Impact rating for this risk from 4 (Severe) to 3 (Significant). This reduces the overall risk rating from 4 (Moderate) to 3 (Low).

- SR56 – Cable Theft

The falling trend for metal theft continues with a reduction of approximately 50% for both live and non-live cable offences in 2012-13 compared with 2011-12. BTP participated in two days of action; the first on 4 December 2012 which focussed on educating Scrap Metal Dealers about the switch to cashless transactions in addition to detecting the presence of stolen metal and the second on 13 February 2013 which resulted in nine arrests, the seizure of c£20,000 under POCA and the gain of significant intelligence information.



- SR62 – One Police Force for Scotland

The ACC Scotland risk register notes that all of the work required to put in place a S104 Order (under the Scotland Act) is in place. This is required to protect the powers and status of BTP officers in Scotland when the Scottish Police Service (SPS) is introduced on 1 April 2013. Accordingly, this risk can now be considered ALARP until the introduction of the SPS, when it will be able to be closed.

3. OTHER RISK MANAGEMENT MATTERS

3.1. The principal other piece of work related to risk management not captured within the risk register process is the work to review whether BTP should adopt a risk management system to hold the information currently stored in the family of risk register spreadsheets. Following approval in principle of the business case by Technology Board, BTP invited quotes from risk management system providers to supply a risk management system that could be hosted within BTP's existing IT infrastructure. Three quotes were received within the required timescale and initial assessment of the quotes received has been completed, with final assessment from Technology awaited.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

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