



Report to: British Transport Police Authority
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1. Purpose of Paper

1.1 The purpose of this report is to summarise the work of the British Transport Police Authority Executive since the last British Transport Police Authority (“Authority”) meeting.

2. Scotland

2.1 The Sponsor branch in the DfT has as part of the Department's submission to the Cabinet Office reflected the Authority and Force's position in policing the whole rail network. The Cabinet Office have been tasked to collate the departmental inputs for the submission to the Smith Review.

3. Airwave and ESN

3.1 We are awaiting formal communication from the ESN Programme Board in relation to the consultation process regarding the removal of the Tier 1 and Tier 2 level users and therefore the engagement of all parties in the programme Board via their sponsoring department, in our case this will be the DfT.

3.2 Finance Director Charlotte Vitty has been invited to join the Finance Working Group for the ESN programme. This group currently consists of representatives from the 3 Emergency Services, the Home Office and HM treasury. This will enable a better insight into the discussion around the cost and allocation proposals for the ESN network.

4. Ex-Gratia Payments Summary

- 4.1 One ex gratia payment submission has been made since the last Authority meeting, which was a resubmission following feedback from the Treasury. The resubmission has been approved for the amount of £15,000.

5. Out of Committee Decisions

- 5.1 The Integrated Systems Programme (ISP) received Authority approval out of committee on 7 October.

6. Pensions

- 6.1 The consultation was initiated on 6 October with letters sent to all members in the 30 and 35 years section of the Scheme together with serving officers not in the Scheme. There have been a small number of queries to the helpline (fewer than 10 as at 31 October) which have been followed up by letter.
- 6.2 The results of the Consultation will be taken at a meeting of the Pensions Working Group on 16 December and a proposal will be put to the Authority meeting on 29 January 2015.

7. BTPA Members Recruitment

- 7.1 Approval has been received from the Cabinet Office and No. 10 to the submission sent to them by the DfT.
- 7.2 The DfT have sent the submission for clearance to Baroness Kramer. The Secretary of State has also expressed an interest and will review the submission over the weekend (1/2 November). Approval is anticipated during week 3-7 November.
- 7.3 Following approval the advert will be placed in the Sunday Times Supplement and various websites including BTPA, Cabinet Office and the DfT by Sunday 9 November 2014.

8. Executive Recruitment

- 8.1 Stuart Harrison has been appointed to cover the maternity leave of the Office Support Manager. Stuart brings to the

Authority a strong background in office management within a legal environment. He will be starting in post on Tuesday 4 November. The Office Support Manager is due to begin maternity leave on Monday 24 November.

- 8.2 Interviews for maternity cover for the Authority Business Manager have taken place and an offer is expected to be made on Monday 3 November. The Authority Business Manager is due to begin her maternity leave on Monday 1 December.

9. Members/Executive News

- 9.1 The Authority launched its campaign entitled 'Shaping progress together' at its stakeholder event in September.
- 9.2 The Authority, which is celebrating its tenth anniversary this year, is embarking on a year-long campaign to mark the milestone and demonstrate to industry and passengers its continued commitment to 'shaping progress together' by highlighting the benefits this work has already achieved. The communications activities that form part of the campaign will also highlight how the Authority is or has already addressed a number of concerns raised in Government reports (such as the triennial) as well as stakeholder consultation. It will also be used to harness stakeholder support as well as ramp up and promote the Authority's enhanced engagement efforts.
- 9.3 The heads of security survey, which asked respondents to tell us what they thought of the Authority and what we can do to improve, is closed. We have analysed the results, the details of which have been circulated to members, BTP and those invited to take part in the survey. The results have been used to inform letters announcing fresh commitments from the Authority to those surveyed. The findings will also inform on going improvement to stakeholder engagement.
- 9.4 Communications Manager Orla Sedze has been invited to sit on the editorial panel at Rail Technology magazine. The Chairman's quarterly column in Rail Professional Magazine will be published in the December issue.

10. Contracts

10.1 The Chief Executive signed the following contracts:

- BTPA & Abellio Greater Anglia Deed of Surrender x 2 - 23.9.14
- Stamp Duty tax Cambridge BTP - 24.09.14

10.2 The Chief Executive sealed and signed the following contract:

- EPSA - National Express Essex Thameside £201k 14/15 x 2 - 16.10.14

11. Recommendations

11.1 Members are asked to note this report.