



Report to: 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 on the 4 November 2015.

2. Ex-Gratia Payments Summary

2.1 Since the last meeting the Authority has made one submission to DfT for approval. Approval has been received.

3. Out of Committee Decisions

3.1 There were two 'Out of Committee Decisions' since the last Authority meeting on the 4 November 2015 as follows:

- Force Finance Director - 2.11.15
- Summary of Current Issues and Risks - 2.11.15

4. BTPA Member Recruitment

4.1 **Esther McVey** was appointed Chair of the BTPA with effect from 16 November 2015. She was previously the Member of Parliament (MP) for Wirral West, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Disabilities and Minister for Employment. She is a Privy Councillor and was invited to attend Cabinet by the Prime Minister. Prior to entering politics Esther was a business woman and broadcaster.

4.2 **Ray O'Toole** took up an interim position on the Authority for 12 months with effect from 2 November 2015 as a Member with Rail interests. He was previously a BTPA Member during the period 2005 - 2009. He is currently a non-executive member of the board of the Office of Rail and Road (ORR).

5. Stakeholder engagement activity

- 5.1 The Executive has started work to scope upcoming engagement with senior industry representatives; this is the third annual series of 1:1 interviews that the Authority has commissioned. Members will recall that in the previous two cycles, the Authority has tested industry views on a range of issues including what aspects about BTP's policing services were most valued by the industry, the perceived impact of restructuring the Force in 2014 and an assessment progress against the Strategic Plan.
- 5.2 Feedback from these interviews was used to inform a series of commitments made by the Authority to its stakeholders last year and this year's interviews will evaluate the effectiveness of our response to that feedback and to test progress with a number of actions arising for BTP. In addition perceptions of the further embedding of the new BTP structure and progress with the Strategic Plan will be revisited.
- 5.3 The interviews will be carried out in the first quarter of 2016 and will be conducted with a sample of senior stakeholders to again include Managing Directors/Finance Directors drawn from PSA holders (TOC, FOC, Network Rail and TfL) passenger and freight interest groups and the Rail Delivery Group. An online survey of industry heads of security will also be repeated in parallel and will inform the final report.

6. Governance

- 6.1 A meeting took place on the 18 November to start the Governance review, held with the Interim Chair, Chief Executive, BTPA Finance Director, Chief Constable and Andy Murray, partner lead - Baker Tilly/RSM UK Consulting.
- 6.2 The second half of the meeting was joined by Dan Moore and Steve Marshall-Camm from the DfT.

7. PSAs / Contracts - HS1

- 7.1 Both the PSA and EPSA contracts for HS1 have been approved by DfT for the Authority to use. Final negotiations are taking place in relation to property leases and these are due to be completed shortly.

8. Home Office Transferees

- 8.1 The Pensions Working Group gave BTP approval to offer to two Home Office transferees the choice of which police officer pension scheme (35 year scheme or CARE) they can join as

they currently have tapered protection in their current scheme. BTP are required to seek approval from the group for all Home Office Transferees who have either full or tapered protection.

9. Contracts

9.1 **The Chief Executive sealed and signed the following contract:**

- PSA with RTS - 4.11.15
- Lease - BTPA, The Forum, Camden 5 years @ £85,703 annual starting rent inclusive of VAT - 12.11.15
- Land Transaction return - HMRC - £85,703 annual starting rent inclusive of VAT - 26.11.15

9.2 **The Finance Director sealed the following contracts:**

- EPSA Extension HS1 - 16.11.15

10. Recommendations

10.1 Members are asked to note this report.