
Report to: **Audit & Risk Assurance Committee**
Agenda item: **6**
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Subject: **HMIC Inspection Status Update**
Sponsor: **Deputy Chief Constable**
For: **Information**

1. PURPOSE OF PAPER

1.1 To update Audit & Risk Assurance Committee (A&RAC) on recent discussions with Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) regarding inspection activity for the remainder of 2016/17 and to facilitate discussions in relation to which areas the British Transport Police Authority (BTPA) / British Transport Police (BTP) would like inspected.

2. BTP INSPECTION STATUS UPDATE

2.1 2015/16 Inspections

2.1.1 It should be noted that BTP has not been subject to any inspection activity during 2015/16.

2.2 2016/17 Inspections

2.2.1 HMIC have now formally published their 2016/17 inspection programme and framework for 2016/17. HMIC will carry out their annual all-force inspection programme (PEEL) as follows:

- Tranche 1 (spring 2016) will cover Efficiency, Legitimacy, and Leadership. The efficiency element, will focus on how efficient the force is at keeping people safe and reducing crime. The legitimacy element, we focus on how well the force treats people when working to keep people safe and reduce crime. The leadership element of this inspection will be an assessment of how well led forces are at every rank and grade, with a focus on the organisational structures that help each force to understand and develop leadership skills across the whole force.

- Tranche 2 (autumn 2016) will cover Effectiveness. The effectiveness inspection is still in the planning stage; however, HMIC expect this to cover how effective the force is at preventing crime, anti-social behaviour and keeping people safe; how effective the force is at investigating crime and managing offenders; how effective the force is at protecting from harm those who are vulnerable and in supporting victims; and strategic policing requirement (SPR) – how effective the force is at meeting its national policing responsibilities; and regional organised crime units (ROCU).

2.2.2 In addition to the above HMIC will also carry out the below national thematic inspections:

- Crime Recording – rolling programme of unannounced visits
- Counter- terrorism – in 2015, HMIC commissioned the counter-terrorism insight programme which considered the changing threat posed by terrorism and international terror groups in particular. The findings from this work will shape this inspection in 2016/17 and beyond.

2.2.3 There will also be a number of joint inspections carried out around stalking and harassment; targeted area inspections of child protection; and police custody (rolling programme). It should be noted that HMIC have not proposed that BTPA commission any inspection activity in these areas.

2.2.4 Limited formal consultation has taken place internally around what inspection activity for BTP would consist of during 2016/17. This is due to the financial constraints imposed by the BTPA and an agreement between HMIC/BTPA not being met sooner in terms of what inspection activity can be delivered within the £60k (net) provision. It has previously been established that the Force's position is that BTP would like to be subjected to the full PEEL inspection programme, with modifications to account for BTP's unique operating model. However, BTP's SPOC for HMIC activity has been advised that BTPA's decision to commission inspection activity will be conditional on a programme which best delivers value for money, fits strategically, and addresses areas of identified business risk derived from specific topics.

2.2.5 Following a Force Liaison Lead Meeting between HMIC, BTPA, and BTP on 21 April 2016 it has been confirmed that there was now no opportunity for BTP to be subjected to the full PEEL Inspection Programme planned for 2016/17. However there was still capability for BTP to be subjected to one of the two tranches of PEEL. The following inspection activity proposals were identified for BTP inclusion:

- **PEEL:** Efficiency, Legitimacy, and Leadership (tranche one) - proposed to take place during Q3/Q4 this financial year. A formal request for BTP's inclusion in tranche one will be tabled at A&RAC by BTPA's SPOC for HMIC activity.
- **Thematic Inspection:** Counter Terrorism - HMIC will inspect BTP as part of this thematic inspection as BTP is an integral part of the Counter-Terrorism Prevent Strategy for the UK. BTP's involvement in this inspection will not be considered for cost recovery and will not result in a BTP specific product/report.
- **PEEL:** Effectiveness (tranche two) - due to financial constraints imposed, in order for this inspection to be commissioned in addition to tranche one BTP will need to prepare a business case for submission to A&RAC.

N.B. Involvement in this tranche cannot be delivered within the current budget provisions and any additional funds required to facilitate this inspection will require a bid for funds.

3. RECOMMENDATION

3.1 Members to note the update provided in this paper.