

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 16 June 2016.

2. Ex-Gratia Payments Summary

2.1 Since the last Authority meeting there has been one submission made requesting approval for an ex gratia payment. DfT approved the submission and associated payment of £40k.

3. Out of Committee Decisions

3.1 The Chief Executive signed off the Collaboration Agreement to join the West Coast and Southern Services Police Consortium, relating to the procurement and delivery of forensic analytical services. This enables the Consortium to go out to tender for a contract on which we can draw. The provision in the MTFP 2016/17 was £1.24m.

4. Governance

4.1 This is being reported on within a separate paper.

5. PSAs / Contracts

5.1 No new PSAs have been signed since the last Authority meeting. There are currently three EPSAs awaiting signature with Network Rail, including funding to continue the Suicide and Mental Health Work.

6. Pensions – Transferees

- 6.1 At the last Pensions Working Group BTP made three transfer requests – two from the Metropolitan Police and one from North Yorkshire Police - all were approved.
- 6.2 All three officers were on the Home Office protection scheme and had full protection. They were therefore transferred into the BTPA 35 year scheme.

7. BTPA Member Recruitment

- 7.1 All interviews have now been undertaken for the roles of the Deputy Chairman and Member vacancies. These were completed on Thursday 21 July.
- 7.2 The DfT have put submissions to the new Secretary of State for Transport for approval.

8. Scotland

- 8.1 I am currently scoping a job description for a project manager to assess the resources necessary to deliver the Authority and BTP interests within the workstreams of the Integrated Project Board.
- 8.2 I intend to someone in post by October 2016.

9. Contracts

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

- EPSA – NWR Disruption - £202K – **8.7.16**

9.2 **The Chief Executive signed the following contracts:**

- Contract with Carpathia Business Services Ltd - £6K – **13.5.16** and Extension letter for Carpathia Business Services Ltd – Audit of Crime information for cost allocation model - 6K – **8.7.16**
- MAP Interiors Ltd – minor works – internal alterations and refurbishment – to be carried out at 3 Ebury Bridge to move the Cyber team in - £87,816.39 – **15.6.16**
- PA Consulting Contract extension - £399 inc VAT – **15.6.16**
- Burgess Salmon – Letter of Engagement & Terms of Business – (ISP for advice on pensions legislation) Contract x 2 – **27.6.16**

- Counterpart Lease - new lease for site of portakabin used for lockers and storage - Guildford Portakabin site - **6.7.16**
- NPOCC - Collation Agreement - Blue Folder - Ref. CC/16/16 - **6.7.16**
- Simons Muirhead & Burton LLP - Short Form Terms of Business - providing advice in relation to police and employment law - **18.7.16**
- Railtrust Holdings Ltd - Employer Director appointment procedure 2016 - Freight train operating companies and support services electoral group - **18.7.16**
- KeolisAmery Docklands Financial support for Special Constable Recruitment - £25K - **18.7.16**

9.3 The Interim Finance Director signed and sealed the following contract:

- Lease 423 - 425 Caledonian Road - for a period up to 3 months lease extension - £345K annual rental excluding VAT - **17.5.16**

10. Recommendations

10.1 Members are asked to note this report.