

Report to: Police Authority
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Subject: Chief Executive's Report
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For: Information

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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 8 December 2016.

2. Transport Select Committee

- 2.1. The interim Chief Executive gave evidence at the Transport Select Committee on the 16th January along with the Deputy Chief Constable. The committee is holding an enquiry into Safety on the Railway and we were called as an expert witness to this process
- 2.2. Line of questions were wide and varied in nature, covering topics such as high risk crime, CT, infrastructure policing, Scottish devolution, budgetary process, safeguarding vulnerable people with a focus on personality disorders.
- 2.3. The feedback from the session was good, and our messages were thought to be clear and strong especially in the area of CT and funding. The clerk advised that we should expect a follow up letter with the potential for further questions to be asked, however this is yet to be received.

3. Ex-Gratia Payments Summary

- 3.1. No submission has been made to the DfT since the Authority last met.

4. Out of Committee Decisions

- 4.1 The Authority approved out of committee for the Interim Chief Executive to sign the new Travel Management contract with Redfern and Calder.

5. Governance

- 5.1 The updated proposal and work from the Governance committee is being presented later on the agenda.

6. PSAs / Contracts

- 6.1 The Authority Finance Director issued the provisional 2017/18 charges in December 2016. To date we have had 3 TOCs reply with further questions which has resulted in further information being shared and/or meetings being arranged. Currently no TOC has raised their intention to not pay the charges issued.
- 6.2 SWT update - We are awaiting the feedback from Richard Carter (DfT) on next steps to proceed. However due to the year end being 2 months away the interim Chief Exec has had an informal discussion with Arthur Pretorius at SWT and has agreed they will meet on the 27th January with the view to bring clarity to the current position and a way forwards for a resolution. Currently the Force have made a provision for the full amount of the debt in the accounts in line with accounting policies.

7. Pensions – Transferees

- 7.1 Since the Authority last met there have been no requests for pension transfers.

8. Stakeholder Engagements - Dinners

- Birmingham - 31.1.17
- London East - 20.2.17
- London South - March
- Scotland - March/April

9. BTPA Member Recruitment

- 9.1. Five of the six members have been granted MV and SC clearance vetting. The 6th Member is scheduled to start in September 2017 - vetting will take place approximately 3 months prior to then.
- 9.2. The five members will start on the 26 January - they will attend the Police Authority meeting which will be preceded by a Members' Induction morning and Dinner in the evening.
- 9.3. Signed appointment letters have been returned to the DfT by all 5 members

10. Contracts

- 10.1. The Chief Executive signed the following contracts:
- Network Rail - Rent Review - Euston Station office, London - £65,000 pa - 2.12.16
 - NUMS Contract Award - General Patrol Body Armour - 13.12.16
 - RM 3767 Supply and fit of tyres and associated services - 13.12.16
- 10.2. The Chief Executive sealed the following contracts:
- PSA XC Trains Ltd x 2 - 9.12.16
 - EPSA HS2 Ltd x 2 - £100k - 9.12.16
- 10.3. The Interim Chief Executive signed the following contracts:
- Contract Award Procurement and Strategy Redfern & Calder - 12.1.17
 - Amended EPSA Schedule 1 NWR EIU - 13.1.17

11. Recommendations

- 11.1. Members are asked to note this report.