

Infrastructure Policing Project

The outcome of the proposals to integrate BTP, the Civil Nuclear Constabulary (CNC), Home Office airport policing and the Ministry of Defence Police (MDP) has been put on hold while options for collaborative working are explored.

BTP, CNC and MDP have jointly submitted an initial plan outlining proposals for closer working practices aimed at improving efficiency and operational effectiveness.

IPP is discussed in more detail in section 2 (paras 2.3) of the Chief Constable's report.

Scotland

The Scottish Parliament's Justice Committee is holding an inquiry focused on the Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill. The Chief Constable and Chief Executive attended the evidence session on 7 March to discuss a range of issues associated with the proposed integration.

A wider discussion on Scotland is scheduled at Police Authority under agenda item 8.

Directly-elected mayors

Directly-elected mayors were first introduced by the Local Government Act 2000. Currently, 16 local authorities have elected mayors. These are; Bedford, Bristol, Copeland, Doncaster, Leicester, Liverpool, Hackney, Lewisham, Newham, Tower Hamlets, Mansfield, Middlesbrough, North Tyneside, Salford, Torbay and Watford. This figure does not include the Mayor of London and the Greater London Authority, which are covered by separate legislation.

The first Mayoral elections for Combined Authorities will be held on 4 May 2017. These Mayors will be in post for an initial three year term (apart from in the West of England and Cambridgeshire & Peterborough which will have a four year first term). Subsequent elections will take place every four years for all areas. Six areas will be electing a Combined Authority Mayor on 4 May. These are: Cambridgeshire and Peterborough; Greater Manchester, Tees Valley, West of England, West Midlands and Liverpool City Region.

Combined Authority Mayors will:

- have control over new long term budgets from central government
- implement transport investment, strategic planning, improve skills and invest in new homes
- lobby on behalf of their area, on the issues that matter to local people not only in Westminster, but on the world stage
- work with local business leaders to achieve what's best for local jobs and the economy
- capitalise on local strengths and assets like our universities, scientific research and innovation