

Report to: Police Authority
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Subject: Policing Plan 2020/21 final recommendations from the Strategy and Planning Committee
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1. Purpose of paper

- 1.1 To recommend to the Authority final proposals for the 2020/21 Policing Plans for approval.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Strategy and Planning Committee (S&PC) brings together oversight and scrutiny of all strategic planning activities from across the business; this includes the preparation of the annual plans for policing the railways in accordance with section 52 of the Railways and Transport Safety Act 2003.
- 2.2 The Committee is supported in this work by the Authority's Policing Plan Working Group (PPWG) which carries out the detailed research and testing of the emerging plans.

3. Development of the 2020/21 plan

- 3.1 More detail on the preparation of the plans for 2020/21 is available in the papers for the March 4th meeting of the S&PC. In summary though, plans are informed by;
 - The Force's strategic assessment
 - Inputs from local planning meetings on each of the operational sub-divisions

- A review of the Transport Focus National Rail Passenger Survey (NRPS) data
- BTP's own rail passenger survey
- Additional Conversations with Transport for London and Network Rail
- Review by the BTPA Scottish Railways Policing Committee
- A final round of consultation via an online survey open to the public, rail staff and the rail industry

4. Final proposals

- 4.1 Members are asked to note that the proposals being recommended for approval today do not take into account the as yet unknown operational impact of the COVID19 outbreak. The severity and duration of this critical incident will inevitably have an impact on many of the focus areas set out in the plan and this will need to be factored into evaluation of performance as the business year progresses.
- 4.2 Final recommendations, which reflect feedback from the PPWG and the S&PC, are now attached to this paper at Appendix A for approval. This detail will be supplemented in the final published document with supporting narratives for the forcewide and local plans and forewords from the Chair and the Chief Constable.

5. Next steps

- 5.1 Following approval at today's meeting, and subject to any final amendments arising from discussion on this item, this plan will be published on the Authority's website from 1st April 2020.
- 5.2 An after-action review exercise will be carried out to reflect on the lessons learned and ideas generated by this year's planning process.
- 5.3 A follow-up meeting of the Authority and Force leadership team will be convened to review findings from the after-action review and consider the options emerging. This could include discussion of other matters arising from this year's consultation such as an appetite to revisit the duration and structure of future plans and the considered use of target-based objectives; alignment with external plans such as National Policing Plans/Policing Vision and tactics to improve engagement with passengers and rail staff.

6. Recommendations

- 4.1 The Authority is now asked to approve the final proposals for the 2020/21 Policing Plans as appended to this paper.