

BTPA has worked with Scottish Government, BTP, staff associations and partners designing and agreeing a new committee and supporting framework to meet the ambition set out by the Cabinet Secretary for Justice in the Scottish Government, Mr Humza Yousaf MSP.

The Scottish Railways Policing Committee was delivered and met for the first time in October 2019. It is designed to improve the accountability and transparency of railway policing in Scotland. The Committee is chaired by Bill Matthews and has two further members from the Authority, Willie Gallagher and Dominic Booth and has two co-opted members from the Scottish Police Authority (SPA), Tom Halpin and Robert Hayes.

The Committee will meet quarterly and provide assurance to the BTPA, SPA and Scottish Government Ministers on the delivery of railway policing in Scotland through:

- Recommending to the BTPA the Scottish Railways Policing Plan, ensuring that there has been effective consultation with stakeholders
- Providing oversight of developmental plans and policies, scrutinising policing performance against agreed plans and statutory requirements
- Ensuring agreed improvements recommended by external inspections and reviews are implemented
- Providing oversight and scrutiny of the safe and effective management of railway policing in Scotland, and
- Assess and report to the BTPA on value for money in relation to those elements of the BTPA fund invested in railway policing in Scotland.

A programme of work has been developed and agreed for the Committee and work is being progressed on an evaluation process.