Report to: Scottish Railways Policing Committee

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Subject: Committee Work Plan 2021/22

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For: Review & Decision

1. Purpose of paper
   1. To review and discuss a draft Committee work plan for the 2021/22 business year (see Annex A) and to seek Member comments on any other matters to be included.
2. Background
   1. As with the Authority’s other Committees, the Scottish Railways Policing Committee (SRPC) annually reviews its plan of work against its Terms of Reference (TORs, Annex B), the Strategic risk profile (an item elsewhere on this agenda), and any matters of interest arising in the course of its activities. In addition, SRPC has the benefit of a quarterly evaluation report which assesses progress against the Committee’s initial design principles (an item elsewhere on this agenda). The draft plan has also been informed by the Executive’s recent review of oversight coverage.
3. Draft work plan 2021/22
   1. The work plan has been developed to assist the Committee in delivering against its TORs and to ensure that progress against the underpinning design principles can be evidenced during the year ahead. The draft plan seeks to cover;

* Matters concerning cyclical planning activities e.g. development of a new strategic plan for 2022 which assists in evidencing how the Committee is addressing the democratic deficit and the enhancing transparency/accountability challenge. This also creates an opportunity for further stakeholder engagement within BTP’s D-Division.
* Items which speak to the strengthening interoperability between BTP and Police Scotland - such as planning for the UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) currently due to take place in November 2021.
* Topics which enhance understanding of the value delivered for Scotland – for example services provided by BTP’s centralised support and specialist capabilities and/or via the benefits of delivering dedicated and specialist railway policing services in Scotland.
  1. The plan attached at Annex A is offered for discussion and Members are invited to propose alternate items which develop the work of the Committee. It should be noted that the work plan will be a live document and be subject to change during the year as new priorities and opportunities emerge.

1. Recommendation
   1. The Committee review and discuss the draft work plan at Annex A, making alternative recommendations for discussion.