

Report to: Full Authority
Date: 28 September 2021
Subject: Appointment of Policing Plan Working Group (Policing Plan 22/23)
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1. Purpose of paper

- 1.1 To provide Members with an outline of discussion around appointment of a Policing Plan Working Group discussed at Strategy and Planning Committee (14 September 2021).
- 1.2 To invite Members to appoint a Policing Plan Working Group to oversee and support the development of Policing Plan 2022/23.

2. Background

- 2.1 Under s50 and s52 of the Railways and Transport Safety Act (2003) the Authority is obliged to issue a plan before the beginning of each financial year setting out proposed arrangements for policing the railways during that year – the Policing Plan.
- 2.2 Before that plan is issued, the Chief Constable shall submit to the Authority a draft plan for the year.
- 2.3 The plan must be consistent with the relevant three-year Strategic Plan issued by the Authority under s55 of the Act.
- 2.4 If the Authority chooses to issue a plan that differs from that submitted to it by the Chief Constable, the Authority shall consult with her.

3. Strategy and Planning Committee

- 3.1 Strategy and Planning Committee (14 September 2021) considered a report of the Head of Strategy, Planning and Engagement concerning the launch of a Policing Plan Working Group [[See SPC Agenda Pack Item 8](#)].
- 3.2 The Committee endorsed the appointment of the Working Group, noting that concurrent work was being undertaken by the Force and Authority to develop the forthcoming Strategy 22/25, and that engagement with stakeholders should be aligned accordingly. The Committee also noted that there was a potential opportunity to develop longer term operational plans to encourage partners to collaborate with the Force to achieve outcomes on the rail network.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 Members note the report.
- 4.2 Members approve the appointment of a Policing Plan Working Group to oversee development of Policing Plan 22/23.
- 4.3 Subject to the above, approve the attached terms of reference for the Policing Plan Working Group.

5. Appendix

- 5.1 Terms of Reference – Policing Plan Working Group (Policing Plan 22/23)

Policing Plan Working Group (Policing Plan 22/23) Terms of Reference

Purpose

- a. The Policing Plan Working Group contributes to the British Transport Police Authority's statutory duties set out in s50 and s52 of the Railways and Transport Safety Act 2003 through overseeing the development of a Railways Policing Plan for the ensuing year.

Reporting

- b. A digest of key issues discussed at each meeting will be circulated to the Full Authority for information.
- c. Minutes of Policing Plan Working Group meetings will be reported to the Group's parent Committee, Strategy and Planning Committee, for information. The parent Committee shall, if necessary, bring key reports and issues to the attention of the Full Authority.

Responsibilities

- d. To agree parameters of context, shape and balance of the emerging Policing Plan, enabling the Force to develop a set of quantitative and qualitative Policing Plan priorities for the ensuing year.
- e. To ensure emerging priorities take into account and support the delivery of themes set out within the Strategic Plan.
- f. To review, input, consider and comment upon iterations of the emerging Policing Plan as developed by the Force.
- g. To take into consideration any evidence gathered through Force and Authority stakeholder consultation exercises and other research activities.
- h. To recommend a Railways Policing Plan for approval to its parent Strategy and Planning Committee, for onward submission to the Full Authority.

Milestones

- i. Submission of final draft Policing Plan to the March meeting of the Strategy and Planning Committee, for onward submission to the March meeting of the Full Authority.

Meetings

- j. The Policing Plan Working Group will meet at least three times during the period September – March.

Chair and Deputy Chair

- k. The Chair and Deputy Chair of the Group shall be appointed by the Chair of the Full Authority.

Quorum

- l. Half of Group membership (where overall membership is an odd number the quorum is rounded up e.g. membership of five = quorum of three).

Membership

- m. At least four Members of the Full Authority.