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Appendix Attached	No (Yes detail)

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to update the Finance Committee on the strategy and timelines attaching to the Finance Project of the Mobilisation, Transition and Transformation Programme that has been put in place to support the integration of British Transport Police in Scotland into Police Scotland.

The paper is presented in line with the Scottish Police Authority Governance Framework section 27 (e).

The paper is submitted for Consultation.

1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 BTP is the national police service for the railways. It provides policing for both passenger and freight railways across England, Scotland and Wales. The roles and responsibilities currently undertaken by the British Transport Police Authority (BTPA) in Scotland will pass to the Scottish Police Authority on 1 April 2019.
- 1.2 In preparation for this transfer, Police Scotland will need to conduct due diligence to give comfort to the SPA over the assets and liabilities being received and to ensure that any potential complexities are identified and understood at an early stage.
- 1.3 In addition to this, considerable effort will be required to plan and deliver the substantive implementation of the transfer, providing appropriate consideration to operational, commercial and personnel matters.
- 1.4 Due to the high profile and highly complex nature of this transfer the Force has acknowledged that it will be appropriate to engage suitably skilled and experienced personnel in planning and delivering these requirements.
- 1.5 With reference to current commitments to business as usual activities, existing project activities and taking account of the specialist nature of due diligence, transition and integration process, the Force acknowledges that the capability and capacity to deliver the outcomes required will only be available via the introduction of external personnel via engagement with a Professional Services firm.
- 1.6 This paper sets out the intended timelines in relation to this activity.

2 FURTHER DETAIL ON THE REPORT

- 2.1 It is likely that the appointment of a Professional Services partner to undertake a discovery phase of works to support the finance activities will take until February 2018 with substantive work likely to commence in March 2018.
- 2.2 It is anticipated that this initial discovery phase of works will take approximately 10 to 12 weeks from commencement with a follow-on phase focusing on planning and delivering the implementation over the course of 2018 and into 2019.

- 2.3 During the course of phase 1 a Business Case will be prepared and presented to the Finance Committee in relation to a second phase to support the integration.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are financial implications in this report.
- 3.2 The cost of the support required from a Professional Services firm for Phase 1 and Phase 2 will not be known until a procurement exercise has been undertaken and until Phase 2 has been appropriately scoped.

4 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no personnel implications associated with this paper.

5 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no further legal implications in this paper to those listed above.

6 REPUTATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no further reputational implications associated with this paper.

7 SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no social implications associated with this paper.

8 COMMUNITY IMPACT

- 8.1 There are no community implications associated with this paper.

9 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There are no equality implications associated with this paper.

10 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 There are no environmental implications associated with this paper.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are requested to note the information contained within this

report.