

**BTP Integration
Joint Programme Board
Legislation Update**

Purpose:

1. The purpose of this paper is to update the Joint Programme Board on progress in developing the Scottish Government's primary legislation on railway policing.

Key Information:

2. Following publication of the consultation document (see JPB 03-04), we are working with Scottish Government Legal Directorate colleagues on developing various aspects of our policy instructions for primary legislation. Although still subject to final confirmation of the legislative programme for the year ahead, we are continuing to work to the timescales previously presented to the JPB.
3. We will be looking to engage with a number of partners to help inform our approach, as well as to assemble further information we will need in order to be prepared for Parliamentary scrutiny of our legislative proposals. The support of Joint Programme Board members to date has been very valuable, and we will highlight at the meeting areas where additional input from JPB members and others would be particularly appreciated.
4. In particular, we are required to prepare a Financial Memorandum, for which we will need further details from BTPA on current costs, in particular on the central costs which currently support operations in Scotland. This requirement is particularly important in the light of our deadlines for introduction.

Recommendation:

5. The Joint Programme Board is requested to note this progress update.

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