

**BTP Integration
Joint Programme Board
Legislation Update**

Purpose:

1. To update the Joint Programme Board on progress in developing the Scottish Government's primary legislation on railway policing.

Key Information:

2. The Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill is expected to be introduced in the Scottish Parliament over the coming weeks. We will co-ordinate with JPB members on final arrangements for introduction of the Bill, including specific timings and media lines once an introduction date has been finalised by Ministers and Parliament.
3. Currently envisaged timescales for the stages of Parliamentary consideration remain as per the timetable circulated previously at previous JPB meetings, i.e.:
 - Stage 1: January – March
 - Stage 2: April – May
 - Stage 3: June
4. Alongside the Bill as introduced, we will be publishing the accompanying Bill documents (notably a Policy Memorandum and Financial Memorandum), impact assessments, the consultation analysis and consultation responses.
5. During Stage 1 consideration of the Bill, Parliamentary Committees are likely to issue a call for written evidence and invite a range of key interests to give evidence in person during Committee scrutiny of the Bill. Approaches to seeking evidence are for the Committees themselves to determine – though we anticipate that JPB members may be amongst those they choose to invite.

Recommendation:

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

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