

**BTP Integration
Joint Programme Board
Consultation Update**

Purpose:

1. The purpose of this paper is to provide the Programme Board with an update on the progress of the Scottish Government's consultation on the integration of the BTP in Scotland into Police Scotland.

Key Information:

2. The Scottish Government's consultation on 'The Integration of the British Transport Police in Scotland into Police Scotland' was launched on the Scottish Government website (<https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/police-division/transport-police>) on 29th June, with a closing date of 24th August.
3. We have notified key stakeholders that the consultation is open, and during the consultation we will use opportunities for engagements at both Ministerial and official level to communicate the main messages from the consultation and discuss issues with stakeholders ahead of submission of their formal responses.
4. The consultation responses will be used to inform preparation of both the primary and subsequent secondary legislation, as well as other aspects as relevant of the wider implementation programme. **[redacted]**, prior to introduction of the Bill in Parliament.

Recommendation:

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

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