



## Subway Policing and Security – British Transport Police Contract Renewal

**Committee** Operations

**Date of meeting** 28 April 2023

**Date of report** 6 April 2023

### Report by Director of Subway

#### 1. Object of report

To recommend approval of a contract with British Transport Police (BTP) for the provision of policing services on the Subway.

#### 2. Background

- 2.1 SPT currently contract with BTP to provide policing within the Subway as part of our overall operational security efforts to protect SPT customers, staff and assets. The current contract commenced in October 2019 and is due to expire in June 2023.
- 2.2 The presence of BTP officers, supported by security and stewards, provides an effective model for ensuring public safety. Notwithstanding that all criminal activity is unacceptable, the Subway remains a place of relatively low levels of crime with an average of 25 reported crimes per year over the last four years.

#### 3. Outline of proposals

##### 3.1 Review of existing arrangements

- 3.1.1 Whilst acknowledging the continued low level of crime, Subway Operations Management undertake a continuous review of the current policing operation, the demand profile (in relation to when crime occurs), and feedback from frontline staff. The continuous monitoring and feedback has allowed detailed discussions with BTP to seek an improvement to the service at an affordable cost.
- 3.1.2 Discussions with BTP have resulted in agreed movement from a defined agreement to a more general (and industry standard) Police Services Agreement (PSA). This agreement moves more of the decision making and risk management of Officer deployment towards BTP, in consultation with SPT, rather than a defined and contracted list of Subway deployment at any given time.
- 3.1.3 As this is a change in approach, and to ensure that the scope of service of the PSA remains operationally suitable a review will take place annually on the

anniversary of the award of contract. It should be noted that the contract has a six month notice period for either party.

### 3.2 Scope of service

The expected scope of service is summarised as follows:

- BTP cover on the Subway for football matches at Ibrox Stadium, level defined by BTP risk assessment;
- The prevention and detection of crime, and the keeping of the peace, with deployment of Officers at any particular time risk assessed by BTP, in consultation with SPT;
- Investigating offences and bringing of offenders to justice;
- The rendering of support to the victims of crime;
- Anti-terrorism activity and support, and
- Any other services as may be referred to from time to time as Police Services in the applicable annual plans.

### 3.3 Proposed cost

Following discussions, the proposed contract value is £135,000 per annum (subject to annual variation in line with BTP pay award). This cost is a saving of approximately £11,500 on the last contract (year 2022/2023), with BTP taking responsibility for defining and managing the Police presence on the Subway system and therefore is deemed to represent value for money.

## 4. Conclusion

The current agreement with BTP for a policing service for SPT Subway expires in June 2023. There is an on-going requirement for such services within the Subway and negotiations with BTP to renew this contract has concluded with a service aligned to both Subway's and BTP's operational requirements.

The proposed cost of the contract is £135,000 per annum (subject to annual variation in line with BTP pay award).

## 5. Committee action

The Committee is recommended to approve the contract with British Transport Police at a cost of £135,000 per annum (subject to annual variation in line with BTP pay award).

## 6. Consequences

Policy consequences	<i>In line with RTS outcome of Safety and Security.</i>
Legal consequences	<i>Contract requires to be concluded</i>
Financial consequences	<i>The costs have been included within Subway Revenue Budget for policing and security services.</i>
Personnel consequences	<i>None directly.</i>
Equalities consequences	<i>None directly.</i>
Risk consequences	<i>Sufficient and focused security, and therefore Policing, is a priority, and the changes in this Paper seek to enhance this further.</i>

Climate Change, Adaptation & Carbon Consequences      *None directly.*

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