



**Request for decision:**

**D06-2016**

**Subject matter: Best use of Stop and Search Scheme**

**Executive summary:**

Review of recent letter from the Home Secretary, following publication of HMIC's National Legitimacy Report, regarding failure to comply with three or more requirements of the Best Use of Stop and Search Scheme. The scheme was launched in December 2014, with all forces in England and Wales, including the British Transport Police, voluntarily signing up to complying with its requirements in full.

It was confirmed that an action plan against the points in the HMIC inspection for stop and search is in place.

It was also confirmed that the Chief Constable had spoken with HMIC and confirmed that there are no consequences to the letter from the Home Secretary regarding the Best use of Stop and Search Scheme. The scheme is voluntary and there is no bar to the Constabulary continuing to use stop and search powers.

**Recommendations (with reasons for that recommendation)**

To note that there are no consequences to the letter received from the Home Secretary about the Best Use of Stop and Search Scheme.

**Police and Crime Commissioner**

The above report has my approval.

Signed:

Date: 24 February 2016