The National Association for Retired British Transport Police Officers supports retired members of the Force, including our Scottish members. It was established in 1994.

Part of our responsibilities and objectives are to represent retired officers surrounding pensions.

We hold two places on the British Transport Police Superannuation Fund management committee, in this role.

We note that several talks and workstreams are ongoing surrounding British Transport Police and Police Scotland integration, one of which involves pensions. Any decisions made will impact upon retired Scottish officers and their families, who at present are in receipt of pensions from the existing British Transport Police Superannuation Fund, which was their contractual arrangement.

We note that a preferred option being discussed, is that serving officers remain in their current pension scheme but within a segregated or protected group. What is of direct interest to us is that retired officers pension pots could be included to create the capital to start such a scheme off.

This has a direct and legitimate interest to our members, as such we wish to register our concern that at no point have we been invited or asked to attend any briefing or take part in talks.

We have no way of knowing, if this should be agreed, what if any detriment such a decision would have on the future and existing pensions of retired Scottish officers. Also, we would like to know what written guarantees would be given to ensure pensions are secure for the future.

I would be interested in your views and what opportunities we as an ‘Association’ have to take part in such talks.

Yours Sincerely

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