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NARBTPO REPRESENTATIONS SURROUNDING THE BRITISH TRANSPORT POLICE AND POLICE SCOTLAND MERGER



Martyn Ripley writes....

In 2016 NARBTPO submitted a paper to the Scottish Government. This paper can be found on the following Website –

<https://consult.gov.scot/police-division/transport-police/consultation/view>

We made it quite clear that we represented retired officers only.

The Police Scotland and BTP merger is going ahead from April 2019. Nothing was brought to our attention which raised concern for retired officers. Our pensions are paid from the British Transport Police Superannuation Fund, so how could this possibly be a threat to us?

To our great surprise, we had leaked to us that retired BTP Scottish officers could possibly have their pensions moved into a new fund. We were also made aware that roadshows were being held for serving Scottish officers and staff to discuss the issues which might affect them upon transfer.

Unknown to us at NARBTPO, at this time discussions and workstreams were ongoing within the Scottish Government looking at pensions and proposing that serving and retired BTP Scottish officers should be

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moved from the existing British Transport Police Superannuation Fund to a new fund which would be the British Transport Police Superannuation Fund (Scotland)

This fund would involve personal pension assets of existing serving and retired Scottish BTP officers, who are already in receipt of pensions, moved to a new fund which would be, a segregated and protected group.

NARBTPO has never officially been informed or invited to discuss this matter. Clearly, we wonder why. Was it because? 1. The collective investments of retired officers would be required to support the serving officers who will be moved to the new fund? 2. That capital is