



West Lothian
Council

COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

DESIGNATED LOCAL POLICE COMMANDER

REPORT BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To appraise Council Executive of the proposed appointment of a new Local Police Commander for the Lothians and Scottish Borders following the transfer of Chief Superintendent Gillian Imrey.

B. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council Executive agrees to support the appointment of Chief Superintendent Ivor Marshall as the Local Police Commander for the Lothians and Scottish Borders.

C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

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| I Council Values | - Focusing on our customers' needs;
- being honest, open and accountable;
- providing equality of opportunities;
- working in partnership |
| II Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment) | The legislative framework for local policing is set out within the Police & Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012. |
| III Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers | None. |
| IV Impact on performance and performance indicators | The appointment to the local commander role is key to delivering improved performance in addressing crime and community safety. |
| V Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement | The local commander will be responsible for producing the West Lothian local policing plan involving the council in setting the local policing priorities for the area. This underpins several elements of the Single Outcome Agreement. |
| VI Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property) | None |

VII Consideration at PDSP	None.
VIII Other consultations	None.

D. TERMS OF REPORT

The Chief Constable has written to notify the council of his proposals to replace the Divisional Commander for the Lothians and Scottish Borders. Under the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012, the Chief Constable is required to nominate a police officer to be the Local Commander for each Local Authority area in Scotland. The Act also permits the Chief Constable to appoint an officer as Local Commander for more than one area. In this instance, the Chief Constable has proposed to appoint Chief Superintendent Ivor Marshall as the Local Commander for West Lothian, as well as Midlothian, East Lothian and the Scottish Borders.

Chief Superintendent Marshall started his policing career with Dumfries and Galloway Constabulary where he worked in a range of roles and ranks across community policing, criminal investigations, local partnerships and the force control room. He later transferred to Lothian and Borders Police where he carried out a number of senior roles. As the Deputy Divisional Commander in the City of Edinburgh he had responsibility for a variety of operational teams and was also the police representative on a number of partnership groups. He was chair of Edinburgh Child Protection Committee for over 3 years and was a member of the Chief Officer Group.

In recent years he has undertaken lead roles in the delivery of the Commonwealth Games, working with partners on national leadership development and most recently was Head of Training, Leadership and Development for Police Scotland.

Chief Superintendent Marshall has been selected following a process which involved the post being advertised across Scotland to all eligible candidates. I recently met with Chief Superintendent Marshall and have no hesitation in commending him for appointment as the Local Police Commander.

E. CONCLUSION

Following the transfer of Chief Superintendent Gillian Imrey, it is recommended that the Council Executive agrees to support the appointment of Chief Superintendent Ivor Marshall as the Local Police Commander.

F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

Letter from Chief Constable of the Police Service of Scotland held in the Chief Executive Office.

Appendices/Attachments: None

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