

Justice Sub-Committee on Policing

Designation of local commanders

Written submission from West Lothian Council

I refer to your letter of 17 November 2016 seeking comment on the designation of local police commander.

In West Lothian the role of local police commander operates at J division covering four local authorities. This role works well and the commander or his depute(s) activity participate in local community planning and scrutiny arrangements.

At the individual local authority level the role is supported by the local area commander and again this work well being co-located with Council and other services in the Civic Centre.

The post holder of local police commander and that of the local area commander have changed several times since the establishment of Police Scotland as have the depute(s) and relations would be strengthened if there was greater continuity in the tenure of these positions.

I trust this is of assistance.

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Chief Executive
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