

## **Justice Sub-Committee on Policing**

### **Designation of local commanders**

#### **Written submission from North Lanarkshire Council**

I refer to your letter of 17 November 2016 seeking views on how the designation of local commanders is working in practice.

Within North Lanarkshire the process for developing and approving the local plan has worked well to date and work to prepare the 2017-20 plan is currently under development. The plan will be shared for consultation with our elected members, communities and key partnership members to ensure full inclusion in the process. Furthermore, it has been acknowledged that the plan will link with the Local Outcome Improvement plan as directed by the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 to ensure synergy in terms of shared vision, priorities for the partnership and community needs.

The process for scrutinising performance of the local plans, as set out in the Fire and Police Reform (Scotland) Act 2012, takes place every three months within North Lanarkshire and at every meeting the Local Police Commander ensures that the members of the panel are appraised of all relevant actions and activities which affect our communities. The agenda features local and national policing issues to ensure that members are being provided with relevant information that will allow forward planning for Community Safety as a partnership.

The relationship between the partners and the Local Police Commander has been well established prior to the legislative changes and positive working relationships have been established.

In conclusion, within North Lanarkshire Partnership the designation of local commander is working very well in practice.

Yours sincerely

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