

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

### **Designation of local commanders**

#### **Written submission from South Lanarkshire Council**

I refer to your letter of 17 November 2016 regarding the designation of a local police commander and write with information as requested.

In South Lanarkshire, the Divisional Commander covers two local authorities, South Lanarkshire Council and North Lanarkshire Council.

There is good communication and liaison with the Divisional Commander and I personally meet with him on a regular basis to discuss areas of mutual interest.

Within South Lanarkshire, oversight of policing is undertaken by the Safer South Lanarkshire Board comprising elected members and senior officers from the local community planning partners. This arrangement has been in place since 2013 and has proved an effective vehicle for scrutinising local policing, while at the same time has supported the development of a more collaborative approach to partnership working in South Lanarkshire.

I trust you find this information helpful but if you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Lindsay Freeland  
Chief Executive