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Dear *Kenneth*

Designated Local Police Commander – Lothian and Scottish Borders

As you are aware Chief Superintendent Ivor Marshall previously performed the role of Divisional Commander until his recent appointment as President of the Association of Scottish Police Superintendents.

Under Section 44 of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012: "(2) For each local authority area, the chief constable must, after consulting the local authority, designate a constable as local commander". In addition the Act also permits the Chief Constable to appoint an officer as Local Police Commander for more than one area.

Deputy Chief Constable Rose Fitzpatrick, who has responsibility for Local Policing, recently sought views from you as to the particular issues and context to be taken into account by Police Scotland in selecting the next Divisional Commander for Lothian and Scottish Borders. Having taken into account the views made known to us, I write to inform you my nomination for your Local Police Commander is T/Chief Superintendent Lesley Clark.

Lesley was born in Edinburgh where she lived until her family moved to Midlothian five years later. She was educated at Lasswade Primary School and Lasswade High School and later joined the Special Constabulary in Edinburgh, during 1987.

This inspired her to join the regular force and she went on to gain extensive operational experience, including a posting to Livingston as chief inspector.

At the inception of Police Scotland, Lesley was working in a national role within the Operational Support Division where she held the national portfolios for operational, event and emergency planning. Her strong links with J Division continue as she is the current chair of the LRP and a member of the regional resilience partnership.

Lesley is a member of the senior leadership team within Edinburgh Division with specific responsibility for operational and event planning, CT, people engagement, staff wellbeing, PSYV, special constabulary and specialises in building strong and capable teams that serve the public well.

I write to consult you on this proposition and would be grateful if you could therefore respond, advising whether you support my nomination of T/Chief Superintendent Clark as Local Police Commander for your area. I would appreciate an early reply, which would allow me to confirm Chief Superintendent Clark in her role and allow her to make contact with you directly.

T/Chief Superintendent Clark is a highly experienced officer and I am certain the positive working relationship previously enjoyed with Chief Superintendent Marshall will continue in the capable hands of T/Chief Superintendent Clark.

I trust you will find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely



 Philip Gormley QPM
Chief Constable