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MIDLOTHIAN COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE SERVICES
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Dear Kenneth,

DESIGNATION OF LOCAL SENIOR OFFICER (LSO)

I am writing to you to obtain support in relation to the appointment of a new LSO for the Midlothian Council area. As you will be aware the person appointed to the statutory role of LSO is responsible for carrying out the following delegated functions on behalf of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service:

- Preparing a local fire and rescue plan (having regard to the Fire and Rescue Framework and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Strategic Plan) for local authority approval;
- Providing information and reports to the local authority as requested;
- Participating in community planning within the local authority area, and
- Receiving feedback and recommendations from the local authority on the discharge of Scottish Fire and Rescue functions within the area.

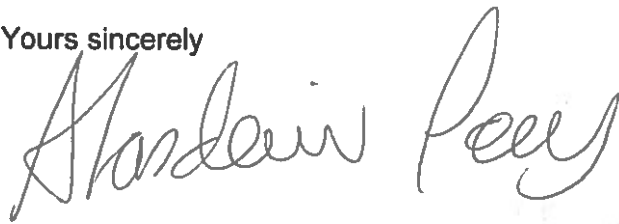
With these responsibilities I see the LSO as pivotal in developing and maintaining an effective and productive partnership between the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Midlothian Council, focused on delivering better outcomes for the communities we serve.

I am delighted to inform you that your current LSO, Area Manager David Farries, has been successful in a recently run promotion process and will take up post as Deputy Assistant Chief Officer in due course. To ensure continuity of service delivery we have identified Area Manager Stephen Gourley as a suitable replacement for David as your LSO. Stephen brings with him a great deal of experience and knowledge in a number of roles within the Service and I have no doubt he will make an excellent LSO for your area. I would therefore ask that you support this appointment.

I hope you will appreciate that the connection between Local Authorities and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service is vitally important as is this consultation process for the appointment of a new LSO. I would therefore respectfully request that the earliest possible response to this consultation will enable us to move forward together in developing local plans for the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to also pay tribute to the work that AM Farries has done in your Local Authority area, this has established a firm foundation for partnership working going forward and I am extremely grateful for your support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ali Perry', written in a cursive style.

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EXECUTIVE SERVICES
MIDSTOWN COUNCIL

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