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Dear David

Presentation to the Public Protection Committee (PPC)

I am the Convener of the Aberdeen City Council PPC and following a presentation to the Committee on 7 October 2020 I write to advise as follows.

Chief Superintendent Macdonald attended his first meeting of the PPC following his appointment as Local Commander, North East Division. He is continuing in a similar manner to the (now retired) Chief Superintendent Thomson.

In addition to presenting the Local Police Plan 2020/2023 to Committee for approval, the Committee received updates on Contact, Command and Control; and Digitally Enabled Policing. These had been previous Thematic Reports to the Committee.

The latter concluded with a video presentation which was particularly appropriate and an innovative use of technology given the topic.
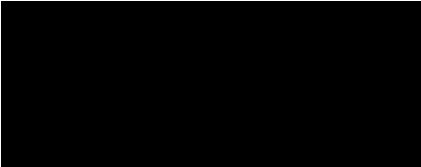
This was of considerable impact as our meeting was conducted in a hybrid virtual format, with Members and ACC Officers present within the Council Chamber and participating in a Microsoft Teams environment which was simultaneously live streamed to the public.

Members were impressed at the production which we believe may be the first of its kind in terms of presentation and the Committee agreed to provide feedback to the Scottish Police Authority to endorse the digital presentation given and to otherwise acknowledge the quality and partnership working delivered by the Local Police Senior Officer and his team.

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It is important that the strong partnership relations between Police Scotland and Aberdeen City Council be acknowledged and that the positive contributions of the Local Police Commander and his team to the Committee and the community be shared.

I would ask that as the scrutiny body for Police Scotland, that you also intimate our acknowledgement to the Chief Constable.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Jennifer Stewart
Convener