

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Council
DATE	16 th December 2015
LEAD OFFICER	Chief Executive
TITLE OF REPORT	Designation of Local Police Commander
REPORT NUMBER:	OCE/15/049
CHECKLIST RECEIVED	Yes

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report brings before the Committee the Chief Constable of Police Scotland's nomination for the role of Local Police Commander for Aberdeen City.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council resolves:

- i. To note the Chief Constable of Police Scotland's nomination of Chief Superintendent Campbell Thomson as the Local Police Commander for Aberdeen City and to confirm its support for the appointment.
- ii. To invite Chief Superintendent Thomson to attend an early meeting of the Communities, Housing and Infrastructure Committee to discuss his plans for police services in Aberdeen

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications for the Council to this report.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Under the terms of Section 44 of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 the Chief Constable must ensure that there are adequate arrangements in place for the policing of each local authority area (and any adjacent territorial waters) and for each local authority area, the chief constable must, after consulting the local authority, designate a constable as local commander. A constable may be designated as local commander in relation to more than one local authority area.

5. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

Attached is a copy of a letter received by the Chief Executive from the Chief Constable of Police Scotland regarding the designation of a Local Police Commander for Aberdeen City following the retirement of Chief Superintendent Adrian Watson.

The Chief Constable confirms that subject to consultation with the City Council, Chief Superintendent Campbell Thomson will be confirmed as the Local Police Commander for Aberdeen City. It is recommended that the Council confirms its support for the designation of Chief Superintendent Thomson as Local Police Commander for Aberdeen City and invites him to attend an early meeting of the Communities, Housing and Infrastructure Committee to discuss his plans for police services in Aberdeen.

Members will note from the Chief Constable's letter that it remains the intention of Police Scotland to merge the Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire and Moray Divisions to form a single Division for the North East of Scotland.

6. IMPACT

The subject matter of the report is of relevance to the delivery of the Council's responsibilities in relation to Community Planning and the Single Outcome Agreement. As the report relates to decision-making within an external organisation there is no specific impact in relation to customer experience, staff experience or the Council's use of resources.

7. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

The report relates solely to decision-making within an external organisation.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

9. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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