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Dear Ms Scott,

Designated Local Police Commander

As you are aware, it is the intention of Police Scotland to strengthen our service delivery to the North East of Scotland and merge the existing A' and B' Divisions into one larger and more flexible unit. This work was led by the current Divisional Commanders.

With the intended new Division set to 'go live' on 1 January 2016, I am writing to you regarding my nomination for your Local Policing Commander.

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.

In this regard I write to inform you my nomination for your Local Police Commander is Chief Superintendent Campbell Thomson.

Chief Superintendent Thomson is originally from Lossiemouth and prior to joining the Police in 1990 was a fisherman, a heritage he is very proud of. He rose to the rank of Detective Chief Superintendent, Head of CID for legacy Grampian Police. In

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April 2013, at the formation of Police Scotland he was placed in charge of the Major Investigation Teams, a national division which investigates all homicides. In January 2014, he was selected as Assistant Chief Constable, Local Policing North, on a temporary basis. This role, which he filled for 15 months, covered all four Police Scotland divisions in the north and north-east including Aberdeen City. He lives with his family in Aberdeenshire.

More recently Chief Superintendent Thomson has been Divisional Commander of Aberdeenshire and Moray, and has served the area well.

Chief Superintendent Thomson has now been selected following a process which involved the post being advertised across Scotland to all eligible candidates.

I write to consult you on this proposition and would be grateful if you could therefore respond, advising whether you support my nomination of Chief Superintendent Thomson as Local Police Commander for the North East area incorporating your Council area. I would appreciate an early reply, which would allow me to confirm Chief Superintendent Thomson in his role and allow him to make contact with you directly.

Chief Superintendent Thomson is a highly experienced and competent officer and I know the positive working relationship Aberdeen City Council previously enjoyed with Chief Superintendent Watson will continue in the capable hands of Chief Superintendent Thomson.

The existing Superintendents serving in management roles for both Aberdeenshire and Moray areas and the Aberdeen City area, will be retained and will form the experienced Command Team to support Chief Superintendent Thomson.

It is also intended that all the Local Police Commanders will be retained on their current duties, delivering business as usual for the North East.

I trust you will find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely

Sir Stephen House QPM
Chief Constable