



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE SUB-COMMITTEE ON POLICING

AGENDA

8th Meeting, 2017 (Session 5)

Thursday 11 May 2017

The Sub-Committee will meet at 1.00 pm in the David Livingstone Room (CR6).

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Sub-Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **The role of local police commanders:** The Sub-Committee will take evidence, in round-table format, from—

Jane Fowler, Head of Improvement and HR, Argyll and Bute Council;

Derek Crichton, Director, Communities, Dumfries and Galloway Council;

Chief Superintendent Roddy Irvine, Divisional Commander, Lanarkshire Division, Chief Inspector David McIntosh, Local Area Commander for Angus, and Chief Inspector Gavin Russell, Local Area Commander for Coatbridge, Airdrie and Cumbernauld (2014-17), Police Scotland.

3. **The role of local police commanders:** The Sub-Committee will review the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

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The papers for this meeting are as follows—

Agenda item 2

Paper by the clerk - role of local police commanders

JSP/S5/17/8/1

Private paper - role of local police commanders

JSP/S5/17/8/2 (P)

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Local police commanders

Note by the clerk

Introduction

The Justice Sub-Committee on Policing agreed at its meeting of 12 January 2017 to hold an evidence session on the role of local police commanders.

Committee consideration

The Sub-Committee will take evidence from: Chief Superintendent Roddy Irvine, Divisional Commander, Lanarkshire Division; Chief Inspector David McIntosh, Local Area Commander for Angus; and Chief Inspector Gavin Russell, Local Area Commander for Coatbridge, Airdrie and Cumbernauld 2014 -2017 from Police Scotland; and from Derek Crichton, Director Communities, Dumfries and Galloway Council; and Jane Fowler, Head of Improvement and HR, Argyll and Bute Council, on Thursday 11 May.

The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 includes provisions for the Chief Constable, after consulting the local authority, to designate a constable as local commander.

The roundtable evidence session will explore how the role of local police commander is working in practice in a number of areas of Scotland.