

Honour for DCC Iain Livingstone

The Queen's Birthday Honours have just been announced and Iain Livingstone Deputy Chief Constable, Police Scotland has been awarded the Queen's Police Medal.

Livingstone began his career with Lothian and Borders Police in 1992 and has worked in a variety of policing roles both within the service and with external agencies.

With Lothian and Borders Police, he led a multi-agency group that created the structure for the strategic delivery of public protection services across the force area involving eight key public sector bodies. The resultant shared leadership arrangements were praised by a subsequent HM Inspectorate of Constabulary inspection.

Iain has worked with the Scottish Government, the Crown Office and the voluntary sector to develop national objectives and outcomes for child protection, including a Scottish Investigators' Guide for Child Protection, guidance for conducting critical incident reviews, and guidance for the police service in Scotland on investigating sudden unexplained death in infancy. His strategic links with key members of the Child Exploitation Online Protection Centre and the Association of Chief Police Officers across the UK has led to success in a number of high-profile operations targeting predatory paedophiles.

Recognising that equality of service was critical to the success of Police Scotland, Iain drove elements of the reform programme with regard to specialist policing support. In particular, he instilled urgency and capability to the time critical reform work required to establish the Police Information and Review Commissioner.

While representing the police service on the Scottish Crime Campus programme board, he demonstrated commitment to maximising best value for the public purse and was instrumental in the creation of this purpose-built facility on time. Operational since January 2014, the facility provides specialist accommodation for elements of Police Scotland and its partner agencies which will enable closer working in the fight against serious organised crime.

Iain has a wealth of proven experience in criminal investigations, including a range of high-profile cases requiring strong strategic leadership. He has also successfully performed a broad variety of roles as 'Gold' strategic commander, including the visit of Pope Benedict XVI and the environmental protest and Climate Camp directed at the Head Office of the Royal Bank of Scotland in Edinburgh, both in 2011. For the duration of both events, Iain's leadership minimised the disruption to civic life.