Deputy Chief Constable Johnny Gwynne recommended to take over role of DCC Designate

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Deputy Chief Constable Johnny Gwynne, currently DCC Crime and Operational Support is to be recommended for the role of DCC Designate in the autumn, taking over from the retiring DCC Iain Livingstone.

Mr Gwynne began his policing career in 1985 when he joined the Royal Ulster Constabulary serving in Londonderry. He later transferred to Strathclyde Police. During that time he discharged a number of roles in various ranks finally as a Detective Chief Superintendent and Head of Special Branch for Strathclyde and Regional Coordinator for Special Branch for all of Scotland.He has managed several high profile counter terrorist enquiries and was the on-scene commander at the Glasgow Airport attack. He led on both crises and consequence management issues arising from the incident.

In 2006, he became a member of the Association of Chief Police Officers in Scotland after being appointed as Deputy Director General of the Scottish Crime and Drug Enforcement Agency (SCDEA).

He was also the Scottish Police lead for Covert Policing and coordinated the activity of all eight Scottish legacy police forces and the SCDEA against organised crime as chair of the National Tactical Tasking and Coordinating Forum.

He was seconded to the UKs National Crime Agency (NCA) in June 2013 and was Deputy Director of the Organised Crime Command before successfully competing for and being appointed to the role of Director of the Child Exploitation Command (CEOP) in

December 2013.

In addition he was the UK's representative on the Virtual Global Task Force and International '#WeProtect' Advisory Board focused on improving the international response to the threat posed by child sexual abuse along with other police colleagues.

Chief Constable Phil Gormley has issued an update on portfolio realignments in the Force Executive.

He said: "As you may already be aware, Deputy Chief Constable Iain Livingstone, DCC Designate, has announced he is retiring.

"My intention is to recommend to the Scottish Police Authority for approval the appointment of Deputy Chief Constable Johnny Gwynne, currently DCC Crime and Operational Support, to the role of DCC Designate in the autumn. The DCC Crime and Operational Support role will be advertised as soon as possible.

"As you may also be aware, Andy Cowie, ACC Local Policing North, will also retire later in the year. From 29 September, John Hawkins, ACC Local Policing Approaches, will assume responsibility for local policing in the north of Scotland in addition to his existing portfolio."