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REVIEW OF TRAFFIC WARDEN SERVICE PROVISION

As one of our key stakeholders I am writing to advise you of the outcome of the review of traffic wardens which started in May this year.

Following on from previous correspondence you will be aware that a proposal was made to remove the provision of traffic wardens across Scotland. The proposal was communicated to all key stakeholders as well as to staff and to the general public. We have received feedback from our consultation and have considered carefully all of the information provided to us.

During the consultation process, counter proposals were received by the review team who then applied criteria during the assessment of all counter proposals to decide upon their viability. These criteria were closely aligned to the key business Police Scotland change programme principles (Keeping People Safe, Cost Reduction, Best Value, Culture Change) and the end benefits of business change (Better Targeted Local Policing, Improved Access to Policing Services, Improved Quality of Service Across Scotland, More Sustainable Service Proving Value for Money.)

This letter is to advise you that Police Scotland will withdraw the role of traffic warden across the divisions where the role still exists. This is to allow Police Scotland to focus on the core activity of keeping people safe.

On Wednesday 18 December 2013 the project was presented to the Scottish Police Authority Human Resource and Remuneration Committee. At this

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meeting agreement was reached to implement the proposals to remove the traffic warden service from Monday 3 February 2014. There are a small number of ongoing negotiations in relation to extending this service in particular circumstances.

Current traffic wardens have been consulted with and suitable roles are being identified for them to move into. We will endeavour to transfer all remaining traffic wardens into long-term permanent roles and make the most of the skills that they have developed within the police service.

In the meantime I would like to reiterate that where parking is dangerous or causes significant obstruction Police Scotland will task police officers to resolve the issue using the appropriate enforcement activity, including parking tickets, other direct measures or prosecution reports. However, we will continue to work in partnership with our communities through targeted enforcement activity where our communities or officers identify problems in relation to parking matters. Local tasking processes will have a responsibility to consider requests from partners (councils, community councils and members of the public) should parking become an issue in a town or city.

In relation to our equality duties and the issue of parking in disabled bays Police Scotland will continue to undertake these duties and will support Local Authorities in the execution of their enforcement duties.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wayne Mawson ACC". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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