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Personal Statement

As a dedicated career public servant, currently serving in the capacity of Assistant Chief Executive for the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, I am willing to serve in the role of Acting Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland.

My current role as Assistant Chief Executive carries responsibility for the coordination and delivery of the Police & Crime Plan and for overall programme management of the joint Equality, Diversity and Inclusion programme in conjunction with the Chief Constable and Force colleagues.

The Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner is a small, committed professional team. In the period since the vacancy arose we have agreed upon a collective, collegiate approach to delivery until a new substantive Commissioner takes office in 2021. Accordingly, with the support of the OPCC team, I respectfully see the role of Acting Commissioner as one of good stewardship in the public interest, enabling the continued and effective delivery of all functions as set out in the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

Members recently approved the Police & Crime Plan Strategic Programme for 2020-21. As Acting Commissioner I will work with Cleveland Police and our partner organisations across Cleveland and at regional and national level, to implement the Plan's objectives and commitments.

I have previously held roles within global information technology, policing and local government, where I have been instrumental in the development of intelligence-led and performance functions, building and leading diverse teams, and delivering across a range of local government policy areas including community safety, public health, safeguarding and housing.

In 2017, I joined the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland where prior to my appointment as Assistant Chief Executive I served as the Lead for Criminal Justice across the Cleveland and Durham areas.

I have a proven track record of working with partners to deliver services that make a difference to communities, including: securing Home Office and Ministry of Justice funding to prevent and address acquisitive crime, serious violence, female offending and violence against women and girls; leading the development and implementation of the UK's first Heroin Assisted Treatment scheme in Middlesbrough; and Divert, Cleveland's Custody Diversion Scheme.

Having worked in collaboration with a broad span of public and voluntary organisations to plan, design and deliver a range of strategies and initiatives to reduce crime and disorder, substance misuse and re-offending issues I have established strong relationships of trust and

partnership which reach across the region and beyond. I have made available written testimonials from colleagues in partner organisations, for Members to consider.

I hope that Members will agree that with over 18 years of experience working in crime and community safety settings, including leading the development, delivery and performance management of community safety policies in local government for over 12 years, I have the necessary skills and experience to effectively fulfil the statutory role and responsibilities of Acting Commissioner, including that of effective police governance and robust, supportive scrutiny of the Chief Constable of Cleveland Police as he leads the Force on its vital journey of improvement.

As a strategic leader, I have been influential in developing and maintaining strong relationships; cultivating effective partnerships that share ownership, accountability and drive forward change and improvement, and I will use these attributes to lead the delivery of the Police & Crime Plan priorities, including improving the efficiency and effectiveness of Cleveland Police.

In the role, I will benefit from the support and advice of the experienced statutory officers and the OPCC team overall – I will also seek views and input from partners locally, regionally and nationally. Together the OPCC has already received – and we will readily take up – offers of support from neighbouring PCC teams, who will assist us in ensuring that our period of executive stewardship is robust and successful.

As a life-long resident of Cleveland, as well as a committed senior public servant, I feel it is both my personal and public duty to serve the community of Cleveland. I look forward to having the opportunity to answer Members' questions to assist them to consider my suitability to serve as Acting Commissioner.

Should Members consider me suitable for appointment, I am willing and able to serve in the role until the completion of the forthcoming electoral cycle in 2021. If appointed to the role of Acting Commissioner I would look forward to working closely with Members in their supportive scrutiny role for the benefit of the communities of Cleveland.