

New Humberside Chief Constable appointed

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New Humberside Police Chief Constable Justine Curran.

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A NEW Chief Constable has been proposed for appointment to lead Humberside Police.

The force looks set to welcome its first female into the role, after Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Grove proposed Justine Curran, the current Chief Constable of Tayside Police for the top job.

Ms Curran has almost four years experience as a Chief Constable, and will take over the role from current incumbent Tim Hollis.

Speaking of the announcement, Matthew Grove said: "I always said this would be the most significant decision I would make. I am delighted to have secured the services of an outstanding leader with a proven track record.

"Justine clearly brings sound experience as an existing Chief Constable, having worked in some extremely challenging areas of the country."

Mr Grove chose Ms Curran on advice from an appointments panel.

Sheffield-born Ms Curran joined Greater Manchester Police in 1988 and served in various posts including the regional crime squad and eventually became Chief Inspector in Manchester city centre before moving to Merseyside Police as Superintendent.

She was in charge of the Operational Support Unit for Merseyside and became the Operations Superintendent in the inner city area of Toxteth.

In 2003 she returned to Greater Manchester Police as Divisional Commander for North Manchester, a very large and challenging division which also hosted many high-profile events which she commanded.

In February 2007 she was appointed as Assistant Chief Constable for Greater Manchester Police heading up territorial divisions and leading on the development of Neighbourhood Policing and Citizen Focus. She later also took on responsibility for the Counter Terrorist Unit.

Ms Curran was appointed Chief Constable for Tayside in August 2009. She had previously served as Deputy Chief Constable.

She said: "I am delighted to be put forward as the new Chief Constable of Humberside Police. I look forward to moving to the area with my family and getting down to work in this important and challenging role."

The appointments panel interviewed three outstanding candidates, and following unanimous agreement, Matthew Grove will propose to appoint Ms Curran at the Police and Crime Panel meeting on Friday February 15.

Ms Curran will take up her role in April 2013, subject to the confirmation hearing.

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