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**Deputy chief to be brought in for force after "difficult time".**

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West Yorkshire's Police and Crime Commissioner has announced his choice to be the force's new chief constable – Northumbria Police DCC Mark Gilmore.

Mark Burns-Williamson made his decision today (February 1). DCC Gilmore was previously the force's assistant chief constable before he joined Northumbria 18 months ago.

The force has been without a permanent chief constable since October, when Sir Norman Bettison retired earlier than planned after allegations were made about his involvement in the Hillsborough disaster.

Sir Norman had previously intended to retire in March, saying this would ensure stability between him and his successor.

DCC Gilmore will go before the police and crime panel on February 8 for a confirmation hearing. If DCC Gilmore is confirmed, he will take over from acting CC John Parkinson, who will return to being deputy chief constable.

DCC Gilmore joined the Police Service in 1983 with the Royal Ulster Constabulary, later the PSNI. He

joined West Yorkshire in 2009 as assistant chief constable. He was previously seconded to ACPO to be chief of staff to Sir Hugh Order, the association's president.

Mr Burns-Williamson said: "Mark comes to this role with a great deal of experience having spent the last 18 months as deputy chief constable in Northumbria and for two years before that as assistant chief constable in West Yorkshire. He also has extensive experience of serving in Northern Ireland.

"Many of us have worked with Mark in the past and know him to be extremely enthusiastic and committed to policing and crime prevention in the county.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank John Parkinson for being such an excellent temporary chief constable, particularly during what has been a difficult time. The standard of the interviews was exceptionally high.

"I look forward to working with Mark and John, the rest of the command team and the force going forward and to continuing the work to improve the lives of all people in their communities across West Yorkshire."

DCC Gilmore said: "I feel hugely privileged to have been appointed as chief constable of West Yorkshire Police. It will be an honour to work alongside the Commissioner and Command Team to deliver our shared vision for policing."