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Dear Councillor Davidson,

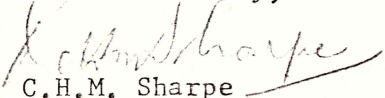
Emergency Planning Officers

I have received your letter of 27th January and have to confirm that, with the knowledge and approval of the Emergencies Committee, two vacancies in the Emergency Planning Unit were filled recently, namely, the post of Principal Emergency Planning Officer which had been vacant for over two years and a post of Senior Emergency Planning Officer caused by the sudden death of Squadron Leader Johnstone last August.

The other information for which you have asked is as undernoted:-

- (1) The post of Principal Emergency Planning Officer is now held by Mr. John MacVicar, a former Superintendent of Strathclyde Police with over thirty years police experience and, in particular, six years as Superintendent in charge of the Emergency Planning Section of Strathclyde Police. Squadron Leader Johnstone's post is now occupied by Mr. John F. Ferguson who, like Mr. MacVicar, is a former Superintendent of Police with over thirty years police experience. He too has had some Emergency Planning experience although not anything like so extensive as that of Mr. MacVicar.
- (2) There were seventy applicants for the post of Principal Emergency Planning Officer and sixty-five for the post of Senior Emergency Planning Officer.
- (3) Acting within the Scheme of Delegations etc, the applicants on the short list for the post of Principal Emergency Planning Officer were interviewed on 7th December by Mr. McFarlane, Senior Depute Chief Executive, myself, Mr. R.D. Bryson, Principal Executive Officer and Mr. A.M. Matheson, Senior Executive Officer. The same procedure was followed out on 9th December in respect of the post of Senior Emergency Planning Officer, the only exception being that the Senior Depute Chief Executive was not present on that occasion. In both cases the Chief Executive accepted the recommendation of the Interviewing Panel.

Yours sincerely,


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