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Your Reference: Joanne Roney OBE  
Chief Executive  
WMDC

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Dear *Joanne*

### **Resignation as Councillor for Castleford Central and Glasshoughton Ward**

You are no doubt aware of my public commitment to stand down as Councillor on being elected the first Police and Crime Commissioner for West Yorkshire.

The responsibilities attached to the role of Police and Crime Commissioner mean that I am no longer able to devote the time necessary to continue as a Councillor and having fulfilled the outstanding commitments to the people of Castleford and Glasshoughton it is now right and proper for me to resign my seat.

I have represented Castleford Central and Glasshoughton for what would have been 15 years in May and it is of course with some sadness that I write this letter, but I know it is right for the people of Castleford and Glasshoughton that a new Councillor is elected who can dedicate themselves to serving on the Council.

It was a real honour to be elected for Castleford Central and Glasshoughton in 1998 and without the continued support and the hard work of many in the community I would not have been able to serve for nearly 15 years. I am proud to have had the privilege to work with others to achieve so much for our community.

As Police and Crime Commissioner, I will continue to serve the people of Castleford and Glasshoughton and communities across West Yorkshire and I look forward to working closely with you to ensure people across the District have the policing and community safety that is right for them and their communities.

I would like to conclude by thanking you personally, the officers, the Leader of the Council, fellow Councillors and, of course, the people of Castleford and Glasshoughton. I wish you all the best in all your work in the future.

Best regards

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