

# **LYNNE OWENS**

## **CHIEF CONSTABLE**

### **SURREY POLICE**



Lynne was appointed Chief Constable of Surrey Police in February 2012 and has overall accountability for the Force's performance and is responsible for the Force's direction and leadership, stakeholder relations and political engagement.

She began her police career in the Metropolitan Police Service, posted to Catford in South East London. She transferred to Kent Police on promotion to Sergeant, where she trained and specialised as a detective.

As a Detective Chief Inspector she was posted to the force major crime department as a Senior Investigating officer. On transferring to Surrey in 2002, Lynne became a BCU Commander of a division, covering three boroughs. In January 2005, she was appointed Temporary Assistant Chief Constable (Specialist Operations). During that time she qualified as a Gold firearms Commander and took Gold Command of a number of critical incidents. Following successful completion of the Strategic Command Course, she was appointed Assistant Chief Constable (Territorial Operations), with responsibility for territorial divisions, partnership, criminal justice and neighbourhood policing.

In March 2008, Lynne was appointed as the Temporary Deputy Chief Constable leading a significant organisational change programme, professional standards department and collaboration in the South East Region. In April 2009 she transferred to the Metropolitan Police Service having been substantively appointed as the Deputy Assistant Commissioner responsible for Operations within Territorial Policing. In December 2010 she took up post as an Assistant Commissioner as part of the MPS Management Board. She led on public order and event policing, including the delivery of the Royal Wedding in 2011, as well as other, predominantly uniformed Police Services. From August 2011 she was also responsible for the Specialist Crime Directorate.

She was awarded the Queens Police Medal for distinguished service in the New Years Honours (2008).