

LINDA CHARKER

DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE POLICE



Linda was born and bred in Surrey and started work in 1973 as a trainee accountant at Epsom & Ewell Borough Council.

She moved to Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea in 1977 as a senior accountant, after which she qualified as a Public Sector Accountant at the age of 22. In 1980, she joined Horsham District Council as a Financial Planning Officer and was then promoted to Chief Accountant in 1982

Linda took a career break in 1985 for 5 years after the birth of her son, during which time she moved with her family to Buckinghamshire and became a full-time dairy farmer's wife

In 1990, she returned to work after her son started school and became Principal Accountant at Buckinghamshire County Council. She was promoted to Education Officer (Finance) after 9 months. In 1994, Linda joined Northamptonshire County Council where she worked for the following 5 years. During this time, she undertook varying roles, eg: Financial Controller, Education; Assistant Director of Education (Finance); culminating in a secondment to the post of County Finance Officer

She came to Northamptonshire Police in 1999 and shortly afterwards became a civilian member of the Association of Chief Police Officers. Linda is also a Director of ACPO (Crime Prevention Issues), and the ACPO lead for Sponsorship and Income Generation.

Linda lives in Northamptonshire with her husband, and her hobbies include playing the piano, gardening and fair weather walking. She is a committed Christian, which has an influence over all aspects of her life and is actively involved in the local church.