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Dear Mr Morris,

I am writing further to the Police & Crime Panel held on Friday 4 February 2022 and your subsequent letter of the same date.


Firstly, I thank the Panel for its support in relation to the proposed Precept and I can confirm that the Police Precept has now been issued to the relevant billing authorities for the 2022/23 financial year in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

I note within your letter the request of the Panel that at each Panel meeting during the coming year, I clearly outline how the increase in the Precept is impacting the ability of Cheshire Constabulary to protect the people of Cheshire. In addition, I note your request for performance data in relation to my priorities included within the 2022/23 budget, as well as me reporting on the number of officers and police staff throughout the year.

My letter dated Thursday 27 January 2022 explained it is vital that the Chief Constable has the resources necessary to protect the public of Cheshire, as well as deliver commitments at a national level. In order for the Chief Constable to deliver even safer communities for Cheshire and to meet increasingly complex demands, Government expectations and the priorities detailed in my Police & Crime Plan, it was necessary to raise the Precept by the maximum amount assumed by central Government (£10 per annum based on band D property).

As you will no doubt be aware, one of my key roles as Police & Crime Commissioner is to scrutinise the performance of Cheshire Constabulary and, in doing so, hold the Chief Constable to account for the delivery of my Police & Crime Plan 2021-24. I have, therefore, requested that the relevant performance data is presented to me regularly throughout the year. I reiterate that should Panel members be interested in such performance data, I would encourage them to attend my regular Public Scrutiny Boards to observe the scrutiny process. I will, however, ensure that the relevant scrutiny reports are provided to the Panel, as per your request above, should Panel members be unable to attend my Public Scrutiny Boards.

Yours sincerely



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Police & Crime Commissioner