



**HER MAJESTY'S INSPECTORATE OF CONSTABULARY  
PEEL: POLICING EFFICIENCY 2016: AN INSPECTION OF CHESHIRE  
CONSTABULARY  
RESPONSE OF DAVID KEANE, POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR  
CHESHIRE**

I welcome Her Majesty's Inspectors' report, published 3 November 2016, which states that Cheshire Constabulary is a good police force with some outstanding features.

I appreciate the recognition of the Constabulary's understanding of the demands placed upon it and the robust plans that are in place for the future.

The report shows that as Commissioner I have a good foundation to build upon. I believe that residents should be pleased to read that their police service is outstanding in its understanding of current and future demand; makes good use of its resources to manage current demand and is good at planning for demand in the future. Furthermore our communities should be encouraged by the Inspectorate's findings that the Constabulary have processes in place to make informed choices about the level of resources and services across the organisation and the recognition of well-developed and ambitious plans for the future.

I am not complacent and there is more to be done to ensure officers and staff aren't only recruited but have the right skills to serve our communities and that the mobile technology that has been planned for some time is fully implemented; however that implementation is now taking place. The Inspectorate make some important observations and as Commissioner I will be working with the Chief Constable to ensure the constabulary continues to build on the outcomes of this inspection.

I have discussed the report with the Chief Constable and we both support the Inspectors' comments. The Chief and his team continue to work hard to utilise the latest technology and to embed best practice across the force. We will continue to expand the use of mobile technology where appropriate.

In accordance with section 55 of the Police Act 1996 I have asked the Chief Constable for his comments on the report and have incorporated them into this response. There were no specific recommendations for Cheshire to take into account.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Keane'.