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Dear Mr Ellis

Staffordshire Police and Crime Panel – Confirmation Hearing re Proposed appointment of Jeff Abbott to the post of Interim Chief Financial Officer in the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Staffordshire

As required under Schedule 1 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, I write to inform you of the Staffordshire Police and Crime Panel's recommendation with regard to your proposal to appoint Jeff Abbott as Interim Chief Financial Officer in the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Staffordshire

The Panel held a Confirmation Hearing on Wednesday 2 November 2016 and heard your explanation as to why you wished to appoint Mr Abbott to the post and your views on his knowledge and experience and the qualities which he offers. You also made reference to your wish to make an early interim appointment to the post as the crucial budget setting period was imminent.

We understood your reasons for making an interim appointment and welcomed the fact that work is underway on recruiting to the post on a permanent basis, noting that you have revised the Job Description to include a performance monitoring element. We also noted that the previous responsibilities of the post had been amended to no longer include risk management and property.

On questioning Mr Abbot the Panel were satisfied that his long career in local government and more recent work with the Staffordshire Force gave him the professional competence and personal independence required of the postholder.

The Panel's role is to recommend that an appointment be made or that an appointment not be made. In this instance they decided to recommend that an appointment be made. We wish Mr Abbott well in his new role.

This letter will be published at 4.00 pm today and there is no embargo on it.

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frank Chapman', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Frank Chapman
Chairman – Staffordshire Police and Crime Panel