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Dear Chairman

Response from the Police and Crime Panel to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Staffordshire's Draft Budget and Precept 2018/19

Thank you for your response to my proposed budget and policing precept increase for 2018/19, following the Police and Crime Panel on January 29, 2018.

I note the comments that you have made following scrutiny of the budget proposal and that your support for the budget and precept increase is without any recommendations to me to consider matters further.

I believe that the finances raised from the precept increase, together with savings from current efficiency plans, will provide Staffordshire Police with the necessary resources to deliver an effective and efficient police service. The Chief Constable provided me with the reassurances that I needed in making the precept proposal and asking the residents of Staffordshire to pay more for their police service. The additional funding will enable me to provide the police service with additional investment into key areas, in particular neighbourhood policing, helping to make people be and feel safer.

The 2018/19 policing precept increase is only the second time that the precept has been raised since I became the Police and Crime Commissioner in 2012. I believe the 6.29% increase

for 2018/19 will assist Staffordshire Police to better address the threats and risks and potential harm that are faced in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent.

I thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely

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Matthew Ellis
Police & Crime Commissioner for Staffordshire