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Via email - lincolnshire-pcc@lincs.pnn.police.uk

Dear Commissioner

Re: Lincolnshire Police Precept 2021/22

On behalf of the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel, I write to thank you, members of your Team and the Chief Constable for attending the Panel meeting on 5th February 2021 to present, discuss and answer the Panel's questions in relation to your proposed Police Precept for 2021/22.

As ever the Panel found the discussion informative and appreciated your open approach to providing information. A recording of the meeting is available on the ELDC YouTube website and details will be included in the Minutes of the Meeting which will be available in due course on the Panel's website.

Prior to and during the meeting, the Panel thoroughly scrutinised the financial information provided. The Panel noted the following key information in relation to your proposed Precept:

- For 2021/22 the Government has increased the flexibility for raising the Police Precept. The referendum threshold is now set at £15 per annum for a Band D property. A proposal above this limit would require a referendum to be held and funded locally. Your proposed increase in the Precept of £14.94 per annum for a Band D property was within the threshold and would provide £2.9 million of additional funding.
- Your budget consultation exercise received 3,243 responses and was statistically robust. The majority of respondents indicated a willingness to pay more to fund policing and crime prevention in Lincolnshire.
- The spend per head of population information demonstrates that Lincolnshire has the lowest policing costs per head of population in the

Country. In addition Lincolnshire receives the third lowest level of central funding per head of population in the Country.

- Despite ongoing and wide ranging recognition that the national police funding formula remains unfit for purpose, it remains the case that change has yet to be delivered. The Panel remains strongly of the view that a fairer police funding formula should be introduced and supports your view that the Government should introduce interim funding measures to support forces like Lincolnshire that are disadvantaged by the current system.
- It was noted that through the national police uplift programme funding for an additional 49 police officers in Lincolnshire will be provided.

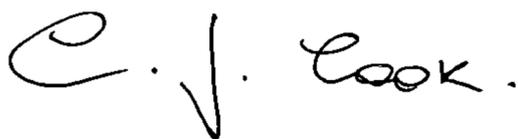
Given the above information the Panel was satisfied that you had been able to demonstrate that an increase in the Police Precept is justified to ensure that a robust and effective standard of policing can be provided to the people of Lincolnshire in the year ahead.

As such, and in accordance with Schedule 5 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, I write to confirm that the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel voted unanimously to accept your proposal to increase the Police Precept by £14.94 for a Band D property in 2021/22.

The Panel would like to be kept informed on the final agreed budget for 2021/22 and the value for money strategy as discussed in the Panel Meeting.

Please note that this letter will be published on the Panel's website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. J. Cook." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C' and a small 'J'.

Chris Cook
Chairman – Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel

CC: Members of the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel
Malcolm Burch and Julie Flint, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
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Chief Executives of Lincolnshire Local Authorities