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Dear Jess

Thank you for your constructive and helpful letter with attached report of 3 July.

This letter is a response to that report in accordance with Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 Section 12(4).

With regards to the specific recommendations in your report, I offer the following response.

1. Summaries of the learning carried forward from the summits have been included in the annual report
2. A section on partnership working has also been included
3. The Panel's comments about format and content in future years are noted

Roads policing is a key area of business for the coming year. I am exploring with Birmingham City Council the potential for joint work in the provision of new static digital road safety cameras. I hope that similar arrangements can be reached with other areas too. Furthermore, there is consideration as to whether there can be closer working between the Central Motorway Police Group and the Force's Traffic Unit.

There are no plans to make further changes to local policing beyond the ongoing implementation of the "Continuous Improvement," estates and 5Ci programmes. However, given the continued adverse funding position – with further cuts to central grant funding announced in the recent Comprehensive Spending Review – and the unfairness of the government's failure to rectify the underfunding of West Midlands Police, all areas of policing are necessarily kept under review. Further into the future, the development of the Innovation and Integration Partner programme offers potential for new technology that will significantly change how the police work, thereby improving service delivery.

I will be making the decision whether to approve the revised annual report on 16 July 2013 and will publish this letter with that decision.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Jones". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Bob Jones
Police and Crime Commissioner