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West Midlands Police and Crime Panel
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Dear

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WEST MIDLANDS POLICE AND CRIME PANEL REPORT ON THE PROPOSED PRECEPT 2018/2019

Thank you for the Panel's report on my proposed precept increase for 2018/19. Please see below my responses to the points raised in the report.

Panel Decision Proposed Budget

I welcome the Panel's support to my proposal to increase the police precept by £12 on average in 2018/19. The increase in funding will ensure there are sufficient resources to recruit police officers as set out in my budget report.

Removing Dampening in the Police Funding Formula

I will continue to raise with central government the need for the West Midlands to receive its fair share of funding, whether this be through the existing funding formula or any revised formula that may be introduced in the future.

Three Year Settlements for Police Funding

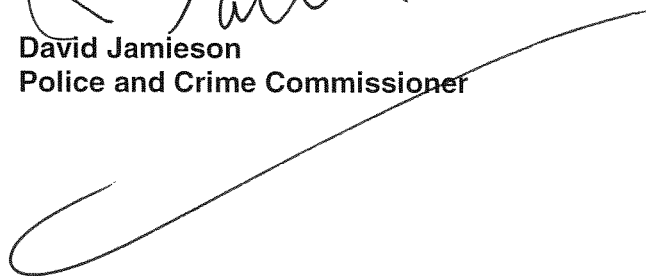
The panel has quite rightly commented on a number of occasions the frustration of no multiple year police funding settlements. I share this view and I will continue to raise this at a national level. This will enable me to budget on longer term basis, assisting with the planning of policing resources across the West Midlands.

May I take this opportunity to thank the Panel in their support through the budget setting process for 2018/19.

Yours sincerely

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David Jamieson
Police and Crime Commissioner

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