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Dear Sean

WEST MIDLANDS POLICE AND CRIME PANEL REPORT ON THE PROPOSED PRECEPT 2017/2018

Thank you for the Panel's report on my proposed precept increase for 2017/18. Taking each of the Panel's comments in turn, please see below.

Panel Decision Proposed Budget

I welcome the Panel's support to my proposal to increase the police precept by £5 on average in 2017/18. Without this increase the funding for policing in the West Midlands would be reduced even more than it has been over recent years.

Cost of Policing Events – Full Cost Recovery

I note the comments made by the Panel in this area. The ability of Police and Crime Commissioners to charge for services is governed by legislation and the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) has issued guidelines on the subject. I will continue to ensure we recover policing costs in this area within the national guidance and legislation.

May I take this opportunity to thank the Panel in their support through the budget setting process for 2017/18.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David', written over a long horizontal line that extends across the page.

David Jamieson
Police and Crime Commissioner