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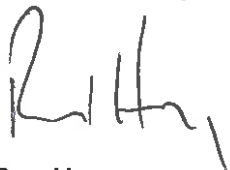
Dear Councillor Howvells

Thank you for your letter dated 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019 relating to my report to the Police and Crime Panel on my proposal to increase the precept level. I intend to proceed with maximum increase permitted by the Government for the financial year ending in March 2020: a £24 per year increase for a Band D property. This equates to a 13.24% increase across the council tax bands for the year ending 31 March 2020.

In accordance with Schedule 5 Section 5(2) (c) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, I intend to publish both your letter and this response on my website.

Please offer my thanks to the panel for their consideration of my proposal.

Yours Sincerely



Ron Hogg  
Durham Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner