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Dear Mr Hogg,

**Response to Police, Crime and Commissioner's (PCVC) Precept Consultation 2017/18**

On behalf of the Durham Police and Crime Panel, I would like to thank you for attending the Panel's meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017 to present your report and respond to questions from Panel Members.

Schedule 5 of the Police, Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 requires the Police and Crime Panel to provide a report to its Police and Crime Commissioner following consideration of the proposed precept for 2017/18.

Following consideration of your report, the Panel agree with your proposal to set the Council Tax requirement at a level that results in a 1.98% increase in Council Tax for the year ending 31 March 2018.

Public opinion is extremely valuable in shaping the proposed plans to maintain an efficient and effective police service. The panel acknowledge the wide ranging approach to undertake consultation by your Office and share your views to seek methods to improve response rates in future years.

Members also note that these are very challenging financial times as policing budgets continue to be reduced and whilst in these times, Durham Constabulary was one of only two forces in the country to be graded as outstanding following the HMIC efficiency inspection.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joy Allen".

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