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### Annual Report 2015-16

Dear Mr Hogg

As Chair of the Durham Police and Crime Panel, I would like to thank you for attending the Panel's meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2016 to present and respond to questions on your Annual Report from Panel Members.

The comprehensive report clearly details work that has been undertaken by your office and with partners to deliver your priorities throughout the past year. The report highlights the national perspective through delivery of the Strategic Policing Requirement and the Panel acknowledge the many local achievements including the delivery of the Checkpoint programme and work of the ERASE team and support the view that Neighbourhood Policing remains a priority for Durham Constabulary.

It is reassuring that County Durham and Darlington remains one of the safest places in the country to live and especially in times of financial pressures. The Panel would like to put on record their praise for Durham Constabulary in their continued achievements within the HMIC PEEL inspections and thank Chief Constable, Mike Barton for attending the Panel's meeting to appraise Members on outcomes of HMIC inspections.

Within its response to the 2014/15 Annual Report, the panel were interested in issues of public confidence and harm caused by alcohol. The Panel note that Durham Constabulary's national position for 'confidence' and 'police do a good job' has improved and acknowledge work undertaken through delivery of the Constabulary's confidence plan and your undertaking of a variety of initiatives including Community Days, Area Action Partnership Meetings and the Celebration of Superheroes event. With regard to alcohol harm, Members welcomed the invitation to attend your 'Reduce Alcohol Related Harm Conference', support for the Panel's development session and acknowledge work that has been undertaken to lobby and campaign for reform of licensing laws and drink driving limits.

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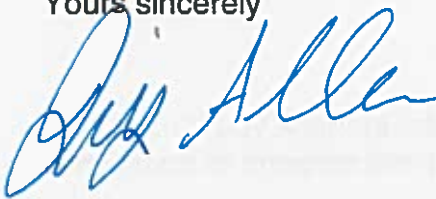
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In addition to acknowledging these achievements, the panel share your concerns to the number of fatal road traffic collisions within the past year and would welcome road safety being included within the Panel's work programme for 2016/17.

In accordance with the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, I trust you find the Panel's views are constructive and I look forward to your response.

To conclude, the Panel would like to congratulate you on your re-election as Police and Crime Commissioner and look forward to working you and your office to deliver our work programme.

Yours sincerely



**Councillor Joy Allen**  
**Chair of the Durham Police and Crime Panel**