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Dear Mr White

Response to Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioners (PCVC) Precept Consultation 2020/21

On behalf of the Durham Police and Crime Panel, I would like to thank you for attending the Panel's meeting on 6 February 2020 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 2020/21.

Following consideration of your report, the Panel agree with your proposal to set the Council Tax requirement at a level that results in a 4.87% precept increase for the year ending 31 March 2021.

The Panel note the challenge to consult on precept levels within a short period following the government's announcement of police funding allocations on 22 January 2020. Public opinion is extremely valuable to maintain an efficient and effective police service that meets the needs of our local communities and I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the work of the Office of the PCVC for the approaches taken that have significantly increased responses for the precept consultation.

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cllr Lucy Hovvels M.B.E." The signature is written in a cursive style.

Councillor Lucy Hovvels M.B.E.
Chair of the Durham Police and Crime Panel

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Mr Jon Carling, Acting Chief Executive, Office of the Police, Crime and Victims'
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