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Dear Home Secretary and Sir Thomas

Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS) Inspection Report – PEEL: Police Efficiency (including leadership) 2017

I am writing to you with my comments on the recent HMICFRS PEEL report entitled 'Police Efficiency (including leadership) 2017 – An inspection of Humberside Police', as required by Section 37 of the Policing and Crime Act 2017. I would like to start by saying that as Police and Crime Commissioner for the Humberside Police area I welcome this latest inspection report from HMICFRS on Efficiency which although just published, reports of the state of the Force some months ago.

Although the report highlights some areas where the Force still needs to improve its systems and processes, the narrative paints a picture of a Force that has grasped the challenge to improve and is clearly on that journey. The challenge faced by Humberside Police to shake off the institutional belief that it could not significantly improve is one that is being squarely addressed.

There is a new and growing confidence and belief in the Force and those that interact with it, and this will assist the Force as it progresses. What is vital is that the Force builds a momentum of improvement that is sustainable, and that takes time. That is preferable to attempting quick fixes to please an Inspectorate in one area whilst undermining performance in another.

I am satisfied the Force is not just moving forward but now doing it in the correct manner. There is much still to be done but that is understood and being addressed. I am particularly pleased that HMICFRS recognises the good use of resources, allowing the Force to grow the number of officers over the next year, in a manner almost every other Force will be envious of.



I acknowledge there is much more to be done, but we need to recognise the positive nature of this report as a significant milestone on the road to the Force being acknowledged for the quality organisation we are working to deliver.

Yours sincerely



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