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Dear Mr Driver

Humberside Police and Crime Panel – Tuesday 3 February 2015
Police Precept for 2015/16 and Medium Term Resource Strategy 2015/16 to 2019/20

I refer to your letter of 6 February 2015 and the attached report provided in accordance with Schedule 5 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 following the Police and Crime Panel's review of my proposed precept for 2015/16.

Firstly, I should be glad if you would pass on my thanks to the Police and Crime Panel for the full and frank discussion at the meeting which I found to be extremely constructive. I look forward to a continuing dialogue with the members as we work together to address the need to maintain an effective and efficient police service in light of the substantial financial challenges that we will face in the years ahead.

Secondly, I welcome the fact that the Panel has endorsed my recommended increase in the precept next year. This will enable me to maintain the income base at a higher level in 2015/16 and later years than had I recommended a freeze and taken the Council Tax freeze grant on offer.

I also note that the Panel supports my view that the Humberside Police Force cannot continue to lose police officers and staff, including PCSOs, and continue to deliver a Police Service that is fit for purpose and meets the needs and expectations of Humberside residents. The increase will help to maintain staff numbers at a higher level than would have been the case had it not been agreed.

In addition, I very much appreciate the comments of the members of the Panel in expressing their gratitude to all of the Police Officers, Police Staff and their families for the professional and diligent way in which they have undertaken their duties, despite the severe financial constraints facing the organisation and the uncertainty surrounding the implementation of the "building the future" restructure of the Force. This echoes my own views and I am sure that the Chief Constable will be equally appreciative and only too willing to pass that message on to the workforce.

Having had regard to the Panel's report and the discussions on 3 February 2015, I can formally confirm that I have determined and declare that the precept for 2015/16 will be

£180.08 for a Band D property, an increase of £3.51 or 1.99% on the precept of £176.57 in 2014/15.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew Grove". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and a long, sweeping underline.

Matthew Grove
Police and Crime Commissioner