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Dear Mr Driver

**Humberside Police and Crime Panel – Friday 5 February 2016**  
**Police Precept for 2016/17 - Medium Term Resource Strategy 2016/17 to 2020/2021**

I refer to the e-mail from Matthew Nundy of 8 February 2015 enclosing a copy of the Police and Crime Panel's response to my precept proposal for 2016/17, submitted in accordance with Schedule 5 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

Firstly, I should be glad if you would pass on my thanks to the Police and Crime Panel once again for the constructive dialogue at the meeting. Responding to the questions from the Panel members provided me with a real opportunity to set out my plans for investment and the key areas that I want the Chief Constable to focus on with the resources available following a decision that I believe has been one of the most difficult that I have had to make.

Secondly, I look forward to continuing the discussions with members as we can now look to work together to maintain an effective and efficient police service in somewhat different circumstances that we had anticipated. We can all reflect on the changed situation that policing finds itself in following the protection offered by the Chancellor in the CSR2015 and the much better than expected grant settlement for 2016/17. We must recognise however that savings and efficiencies will still have to be made in order to meet the challenges ahead, particularly as we seek to address the new and emerging threats which the police will have deal with in the future.

Thirdly, and regrettably, I have to once again comment on the fact that the settlement is effectively only for one year. As I have said previously, more clarity about future allocations would significantly assist in enhancing our ability to plan ahead. Each year there always seems to be a reason for an inability to provide longer term financial forecasts of Government funding. Last year it was the impending General Election. This year it is the combination of the prospect of a new funding formula for policing being introduced in 2017/18 and concerns that the amount allocated to individual Police and Crime Commissioners could be seriously adversely affected by the Home Office top slicing more resources to fund national programmes and projects such as the replacement for Airwave at our expense.

I really welcome the fact that the Panel unanimously endorsed my recommended increase in the precept next year. I am also particularly pleased that my spending plans in terms of maintaining police officer numbers, investing in new technology and capability, including Cybercrime, replacing outdated vehicles and imposing a double lock in relation to the resources that the Chief Constable is committing to communities were so well received.

Having had regard to the Panel's report and the discussions on 5 February 2016, I can formally confirm that I have determined and declare that the precept for 2016/17 will be £183.67 for a Band D property, an increase of £3.59 or 1.99% on the precept of £180.08 in 2015/16.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew Grove". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Matthew Grove  
Police and Crime Commissioner