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Dear Mr Cullinan

LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY BUDGET CONSULTATION

At a Meeting of the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority held on the 14th January 2013, the Authority gave initial consideration to a report on the Reserves and Balances Policy (attached for information only), Capital Budget 2013/14-2017/18 and the Revenue Budget 2013/14-2015/16. Copies of the reports considered by the Authority are enclosed. The Authority having given consideration to its Budget has resolved as follows:

- i) Given initial consideration to the draft capital and revenue budgets as presented.
- ii) Approved consultation with representatives of non-domestic ratepayers and Trade Unions on the budget proposals.
- iii) To give further consideration to the capital and revenue budgets at their next meeting on 11th February 2013, in light of the consultation process.

During consideration of the item, members discussed the impact of a potential 2.0% increase in Council Tax for 2013/14. Whilst the Budget Setting meeting is not until the 11th February 2013, members felt that it was important to point out that in real terms an increase of 2% would equate to an additional cost per household of £1.27 per year on a Band D property. Whilst this information is not detailed in the report, I would ask you to take this into account in responding to the consultation.

In this regard it would be helpful if you could let me have any comments you wish to make on the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority budget proposals by no later than 31st January 2013. This will enable your views to be tabled for consideration by the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority at its budget setting meeting on 11th February 2013.

Yours sincerely

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