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Dear Mark

Thank you for your invitation for the Police and Crime Commissioner to attend the Lancaster City Council's Budget and Performance Panel on 28 January 2014.

Unfortunately, on this occasion the Commissioner is unable to attend but has asked me to forward a copy of his budget report which is due to be considered by the Police and Crime Panel at their meeting on the 27 January, and which he feels may be of assistance to you.

As you will be aware, the Police and Crime Commissioner has a statutory requirement to set an annual Police and Crime budget and, as part of that process, to consult with the Police and Crime Panel regarding any proposals in relation to the council tax precept.

In Lancashire, the Police and Crime Panel is made up of the Leaders from the 15 local authorities in the Lancashire Police Force area together with two independent co-opted members. Their remit is to scrutinise the work of the Police and Crime Commissioner and make sure he is holding the Chief Constable to account and performing his role effectively.

The Police and Crime Panel has the power to veto the proposed precept if at least two-thirds of the persons who are members of the panel at the time when the decision is made vote in favour of making that decision.

The Police and Crime Panel's response to the Commissioner on the precept proposal must be made by 8 February. The Commissioner is unable to set a precept until the end of the scrutiny process is reached and should the Police and Crime Panel veto the proposals, the Commissioner must submit a revised precept for consideration of the panel to which the Police and Crime Panel must also respond.

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Any further response from the Police and Crime Panel must be received by 22 February after which the Commissioner must respond formally to the Police and Crime Panel setting out the precept for the forthcoming year.

I hope this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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