

## **NOTICE OF MOTION – POLICE FUNDING FORMULA**

To consider the following motion submitted by Councillors Brendan Hughes and Darren Clifford:

This Council requests that the Leader/ Chief Executive of Lancaster City Council write to the Home Secretary in response to the police Funding Formula consultation to express concern at the proposed 13% reduction in police funding for Lancashire Constabulary.

Further, all group leaders are requested to lobby MPs and government ministers during this of consultation period to ensure that the impact these funding proposals in fully understood as to their impact in Lancashire.

13% equates to a reduction of a further £24.8million on top of the £74m already identified of which £63m has already been taken out. Lancashire has been recognised as an outstanding police force by government inspectors and praised for their efficiency, yet, in spite of this they face seeing the biggest reduction in their budget of any force in the country - outside of London.

In addition the Comprehensive spending Review (CSR) next month is expected to have an additional impact of circa 25% to 40% on government funding.

Taking the funding formula reductions along with the worst case scenario CSR reduction, this will mean that since 2009/10 through to 2020/21 Lancashire Constabulary will have had its grant cut by up £161m per annum - approximately halving their police budget.

Implementation of the Funding Formula proposals along with the forthcoming CSR will have a devastating effect on policing in Lancashire and may risk the viability of the service and put the people of Lancashire at risk. This is not acceptable and needs to be reversed.

An officer briefing note is attached.