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cc Kevin Dennis, Chief Executive

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Dear Paddy,

**OUTCOME OF PANEL MEMBERS' CONSIDERATION OF POLICE AND CRIME PLAN
REFRESH**

I am writing to share the views of Police and Crime Panel Members' on your Refreshed Police and Crime Plan.

Difficulties in comparing the Strategic Framework in last year's Refresh with this current version have been raised. It is recognised that the list of key activities will need to change and be updated in light of changes in legislation, crime patterns and experience over the last year. However, a number of the activities that were in the last Refresh are now not specifically referenced and have also not been specifically covered within the performance updates in your regular update reports to the Panel. These include:-

- ensuring that the diverse needs of detainees are met and risks in custody are managed appropriately;
- covering training gaps in Criminal Justice;
- improve the effectiveness of assessment and treatment of drugs, alcohol, mental health issues and learning difficulties in custody, prisons and the community;
- improved multi-agency working with new and emerging communities;
- proactive investigation of money laundering offences;
- rationalisation of the Force's vehicle fleet;
- publicising the outcomes of criminal cases;
- development and implementation of innovative crime and anti-social behaviour prevention strategies.

In order to scrutinise your overview of the Plan it is important that the Panel receives update information on the key activities that are included within it.

Members note the addition of specific new issues within the Refresh, including female genital mutilation; child and adult sexual exploitation; rural crime; new psychoactive and legal substances; illicit tobacco; crime prevention advice on cybercrime; and Integrated Offender Management GPS tagging. Members who attended the Stakeholder Priority Setting Event on 8 January 2015 have highlighted that some of these issues were raised by participants at this event and feel that there is clear evidence that the draft Refresh was updated as a result of such consultation.

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Members think that Section 4 of the Refresh, which covers your Challenges, should be strengthened to give more information about the recent HMIC inspections in order to better address concerns raised through subsequent media coverage. Members feel that this section needs further details of the PEEL Assessment findings and particularly how and when you expect any improvements to be made.

Members feel that Section 5 of the Refresh, which covers Consultation and Engagement, should include reference to the Police and Crime Panel.

Overall the Plan was felt to be a well-constructed document but that it would benefit from a further proof-reading to maximise public understanding and accessibility. For example, page (ii) of the Foreword refers to:-

“Our efforts to increase Hate crime (e.g. sexual orientation, race , disability), reports...”

which could be better worded as

“Our efforts to increase reporting of Hate crime (e.g. sexual orientation, race, disability)....”

I hope that these comments are helpful and assist with your finalisation of the Refresh.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Egginton', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Executive Mayor Tony Egginton
Chairman of Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Panel