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Commissioner Gary Godden
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Dear Commissioner Godden

Outcome of the Panel's consideration of the Police and Crime Commissioner's proposed precept and Budget 2025-26

I am writing to share feedback from Monday's meeting of the Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Panel and to confirm the Panel's support for your proposed precept for 2025/26. A majority of members who were present at the meeting voted in favour of the proposed increase (12 members voting in support with 1 voting against).

The Panel welcomed the information on the Precept proposals delivered at its workshop session on 20 January 2025, and the comprehensive responses to the Panel's questions arising from its second workshop session on 28 January 2025. The Panel commended the marked improvement in both the quality and detail of the information provided over previous years.

During the Panel's debate, there was strong support for delivering a neighbourhood-focussed policing service to keep residents safe. The results of your public consultation also showed increased support from members of the public for the proposed increase. The Panel noted that the service experience recorded for Nottingham City residents fell below levels elsewhere in Nottinghamshire, and shared your hope that when the neighbourhood policing model was fully embedded then residents' service experience would improve. The Panel will receive an update on the abstraction policy at a future meeting

The Panel expressed concerns about the impact on any increase in precept in context of the current cost of living pressures. In light of these, Panel members wanted to understand the impacts if you did not maximise the precept. The Panel accepted your assertion that if a zero increase or lower precept increase of £10 were introduced it would have a serious negative impact on the delivery of your emerging Police and Crime Plan.

Concern was expressed about the impact of the current age and service profile of the anticipated Police establishment in 2025-26, in particular in respect of being redirected from

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operational duties to supervise and mentor new recruits. It was also suggested that recouping training costs from those officers who move on to other police forces should be explored, and that an update on the establishment be provided in one year's time.

The Panel welcomed your commitment to meet local representatives to discuss equity of service delivery across Nottinghamshire, and to explore how management of CCTV provision might be improved.

Taking all of the information provided before and during the meeting into account, a majority of members were in support of the proposed increase of £13.95 for a Band D property.

Finally, I would like to formally pass on my thanks and that of the Panel to you and your team. We're grateful for your support of the workshop, answering questions so comprehensively in advance of the meeting and the further information that was provided during the meeting itself. It was very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair of the Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Panel

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