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cc Kevin Dennis, Chief Executive

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Dear Paddy

**OUTCOME OF PANEL'S CONSIDERATION OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S
PROPOSED PRECEPT AND BUDGET 2013/14**

I am writing to confirm the outcome of the Police and Crime Panel's consideration of your proposed precept at the Panel meeting of 6 February 2013.

As you are aware, ten of the twelve Panel Members present supported your proposed precept increase of 1.95%. Through the debate at the meeting, you heard that the Panel did have concerns about the Force's level of uncommitted reserves, whilst acknowledging the need to be prudent in light of uncertainties around future government funding. The Panel recognised the future implications of accepting the Freeze Grant on offer from Central Government this year. Members also raised concerns about the level of underspend which was predicted for this year and which had occurred in previous years,

The Panel welcomed your proposal for a base budget review in 2013/14 and supported the proposed recruitment of additional Police Officers and Police and Community Support Officers in line with your pre-election commitments. The Panel commended the community engagement and consultation which you had undertaken around your proposed budget and precept, although some Members did query the extent to which the largely positive responses received were dependent upon the nature of the questions asked.

In summary, the Panel supported the proposed precept increase and expressed its continuing support for you in your first year in office as the Commissioner. However, the Panel was keen for the proposed base budget review to deliver improvements in the Force's financial management so that the current levels of underspend would be reduced in future years.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr John Clarke
Chairman of Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Panel