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Dear CLlr Bentley

**Proposed Precept 2019/20**

Thank you for your letter dated 4 February 2019.

I am grateful that the Sussex Police & Crime Panel unanimously supported the proposed increase in the precept to £189.91 (on a Band D property), an increase of £24.00 (equivalent to 14.5%) per annum.

The Chief Constable's plan shows that he needs a mix of policing skills to provide a more visible neighbourhood presence, improve contact with the public and to meet a range of complex crime demands. I was pleased that the Panel recognised that I have listened intently to what Sussex residents want and what the Chief Constable needs.

I have been assured by our Chief Constable that this extra investment will be spent on the areas I presented to the Panel and is outlined in the Medium Term Financial Strategy; namely securing an additional 100 Police Community Support Officers, 50 police officers and 50 investigators and specialist staff. I will continue to hold the Chief Constable to account for delivery of this investment through the delivery of the revised Sussex Police 2018/22 Transformation Strategy.

I will, of course, look to demonstrate to the Panel how I, as the Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner, achieve this within the provisions of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 and the Policing Protocol Order 2011.

Yours sincerely

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