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Dear Commissioner Bourne,

### **Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner – Annual Report 2020/21**

Thank you for attending the Police and Crime Panel meeting on Friday 25 June 2021, the first in your new term of office, at which you presented your Annual Report and answered the Panel's questions.

Your report was received positively by the Panel in the main, during a time-restricted annual meeting. We appreciate the extraordinary challenges faced by your office and by Sussex Police over the course of the reporting year.

There were no formal recommendations but, in my summary at the conclusion of the debate, I welcomed the question highlighting the omission of the Force's policy for spending proceeds of crime and the reinvestment of seized valuable assets in your report. You agreed to include this going forward as well as kindly offering to deliver a presentation on the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 at a future Panel meeting. Discussion moved to diversity and it was questioned whether crime and victim figures could be drilled down to ethnic backgrounds to inform where support services should be targeted. Referring to page 65 of your report (the section on Workforce Diversity), it was also requested if a breakdown of categories for BAME and disabled people could be provided.

Regarding other points raised by Panel members, we will follow this up with your office and publish an action list on the Panel's website.

I would be grateful if I could receive your response to this letter by Friday 20 August 2021. If you have any queries, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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