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Dear Mr Jones

Re: Report and recommendations from the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel on the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire's Annual Report 2017-18

On behalf of the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel I would like to thank you and your colleagues (Stuart Tweedale, Deputy PCC, Malcolm Burch, Chief Executive and Julie Flint, Chief Finance Officer) for your attendance at the Panel's Meeting on 29th June 2018 to present and discuss your Annual Report for 2017-18.

As required by section 28 (4) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 I write to report on the Panel's recommendations and suggested considerations on the Annual Report. Please note a copy of this letter will be published on the Panel's website.

The Panel undertook a thorough, robust and supporting review of your Annual Report with a view to ensuring that the ambitions of your Police and Crime Plan (Community Safety, Policing and Criminal Justice Plan for Lincolnshire April 2017 – March 2021) are delivered. During the course of the Meeting the Panel asked you questions relating to:

- financing of the Police and Crime Plan
- transformation projects including the new command and control centre
- safeguarding activity
- delivery of community safety priorities
- Operation Galileo and tackling rural crime
- current and future collaboration arrangements
- trends in police performance figures in the areas of demand, forensics, resolution rates and hate crime
- cyber-crime and future plans to raise awareness
- the impact of community engagement undertaken by the Deputy PCC

- succession planning processes at Chief Officer level in Lincolnshire Police

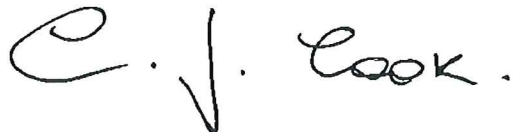
In summary the Panel is satisfied that the Annual Report for 2017-18 demonstrates that progress is being delivered against the 4 key principles contained in the Police and Crime Plan. In particular the Annual Report highlights the partnership arrangements and investments in new technologies which are helping to deliver successful policing and crime outcomes for the people of Lincolnshire.

The Panel recognises that the Police and Crime Plan is a 4 year plan and that some activities listed in the Police and Crime Plan such as "creating a single multi agency crime prevention and community safety plan" are ongoing.

To assist with the monitoring of the Police and Crime Plan the Panel is recommending that at its future meetings it receives quarterly updates detailing the progress which has been made in delivery of the activities listed under the 4 key principles within the Police and Crime Plan.

Finally, a significant unresolved issue, the future funding of Lincolnshire Police remains of deep concern to the Panel and no doubt to yourself and the people of Lincolnshire. The continued use of reserves to plug the budget gap is not a long term solution. A sustainable and fair funding solution is required if Lincolnshire's residents are to receive the service they deserve. As highlighted in your report it is positive that all 7 Lincolnshire MP's are supportive of your attempts to secure a sustainable and fair funding solution for Lincolnshire and that dialogue with the Police and Fire Minister remains open. As ever this Panel is supportive of your efforts to address the funding problem and stands ready to assist where possible. As you might expect we will continue to seek updates from yourself on this key strategic risk at our regular Panel meetings.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. J. Cook." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C' and a small 'J'.

Christopher Cook
Chairman - Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel.

cc: Members of the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel
Chief Executives of the Lincolnshire Local Authorities
Malcolm Burch, Chief Executive of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire