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Re: Police and Crime Plan 2013-2017

I write in response to your letter dated 14th February 2013 concerning my Police and Crime Plan.

I am grateful to you for your support to the plan and for the way that the Police and Crime Panel discharged its responsibilities on the 7th February 2013. This is a new era for all of us but no-one who attended the panel and witnessed your professional and businesslike approach would have realised this was the first time for us all.

Your support is very important to me going forward as I try and build a new stronger approach to police and crime issues in the County.

In a strategic high level plan like this it is a challenge to maintain simplicity and clarity across the range of complex issues. In this context I understand your comments relating to safeguarding children. I can assure you that I remain committed to ensuring the safety of children and vulnerable adults. It is a core part of the partnership and operational work of the Force. I have made changes to the text in my Police and Crime Plan to better reflect this position and ensure that my commitment is visible to all.

I welcome the many supporting comments in your letter and I wish to respond to three areas of interest:-

- i) Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs): The Chief Constable has been tasked with delivering my objectives in relation to PCSOs. As more detail emerges he will be happy to share information about the role and their deployment.
- ii) Closed Circuit Television (CCTV): I have had meetings with most of the District Councils and CCTV has been an agenda item with each of them. I should make clear that the work on efficiency of CCTV is being undertaken by Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership. As I said I am watching this work closely as I believe it will provide opportunities to encourage partners to part fund CCTV. However, what is undeniable is that the current situation across the County will inevitably contain inefficiencies that need addressing before more investment could be contemplated.
- iii) Performance Monitoring: My Chief Executive outlined our comprehensive and robust approach to managing performance. We will be publishing performance information quarterly and a vast amount of performance and crime data is available on publicly available websites. I am determined that Lincolnshire will remain a safe place to live in and that the Police Force becomes one of the best performers nationally. I am realistic enough to know that simple numerical targets imposed in all areas will not achieve this. I will adopt a balanced and managed approach to improving performance through culture change, better deployment of resources and a focus on productivity.

In conclusion can I once again thank you for the work of the panel. I value straight talking and honest dialogue as the simplest way to deliver results. I believe we have made an excellent start in what I hope will be a productive and strong relationship over the coming years.

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