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Dear Minister

Provisional Police Grant Report 2018-19

Thank you for your letter of 19th December 2017 in which you invite comment on the Provisional Police Grant Report 2018-19.

I welcome your recognition of the changing demands on the police service together with your announcement of additional funding for the police.

I also welcome the proposal to grant additional precept flexibility to Police & Crime Commissioners – as directly elected individuals Police and Crime Commissioners are accountable to their electorate for their decisions on the local funding of the policing services in their area.

Whilst precept flexibility has the potential to ease the funding challenge for policing in Lincolnshire in the short term, it does not address the long-standing structural funding inequality of the current resource allocation methodology for central government grant. Whilst I welcome your commitment to revisit the Core Grant Distribution Review, I note your intent to link this to the next Spending Review. In the meantime, I urge you to consider introducing short term measures to ensure that forces like Lincolnshire, which are particularly disadvantaged by the current methodology, can continue to provide the level of policing services that local people expect until the new methodology is introduced.

Yours sincerely

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