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Dear Home Secretary and Minister

Police Funding for 2022/23

Thank you for your letter of 16 December 2021 in which you invite comment on the Provisional Police Grant report 2022/23.

Before commenting on the Police Grant Report, I would wish to welcome your commitment to address the Core Grant Distribution Review during this Spending Review period and confirm that I will continue to support the review in my role as a member of the Steering Group. For too long, the distribution of Police Grant has been based upon historical allocations rather than on evidence; this approach can not be justified and is unsustainable. In the meantime, I continue to 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 a new methodology is introduced.

The government's commitment to grant PCCs the flexibility to increase funding in each year of the Spending Review 2021 period with a £10 council tax referendum limit is welcome. Directly elected Police and Crime Commissioners are accountable to their electorate for their decisions on the local funding of the policing services in their area and their flexibility should not be unduly constrained by government. However, precept flexibility must be accompanied by a fair distribution of government grant to ensure that the burden on local taxpayers is proportionate, particularly when households may have other financial pressures.

I welcome your continued commitment to the Police Uplift Programme. The Provisional Settlement provides funding for a further 67 additional police officers in Lincolnshire taking our total to 166 since the start of the uplift programme in 2019/20. We are on course to achieve our recruitment target.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and curves, enclosed within a horizontal oval shape.

Marc Jones
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