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Our Reference: Lincolnshire PCP

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Marc Jones  
Police and Crime Commissioner for  
Lincolnshire

Via email - lincolnshire-pcc@lincs.pnn.police.uk

Dear Commissioner,

**Re: Lincolnshire Police Precept 2024/25**

On behalf of the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel, I write to thank you and the members of your Team for attending the Panel meeting on 7th February 2024 to present, discuss and answer the Panel's questions in relation to your proposed Police Precept for 2024/25.

The Panel found the discussion informative and appreciated your open approach to providing information. A recording of the meeting is available on the East Lindsey District Council (ELDC) YouTube webpage and details will be included in the minutes of the meeting which will be available in due course via ELDC's website.

Prior to the meeting the Panel thoroughly scrutinised your report and during discussion sought further information in relation to the funding formula model used and its impact upon Lincolnshire, campaigning for future home office funding in respect of the challenges faced in Lincolnshire, police numbers, future expenditure plans, use of reserves and the service impact the additional Precept funding would provide to the people of Lincolnshire.

The Panel noted the following key information in relation to your proposed Police Precept for 2024/25:

- Your budget consultation exercise received almost 3,500 responses and was statistically robust. The majority of respondents indicated a willingness to pay more to fund policing and crime prevention in Lincolnshire with 81% saying they supported the increase and only 3% preferring a reduction.
- The additional Police Officer Uplift Funding received from government is restricted in its use that there are financial penalties which can be imposed if the uplift target is not met.

- Lincolnshire has the lowest resource funding per head of population of any force area in the Country. Despite ongoing and wide ranging recognition that the national police funding formula remains unfit for purpose, it remains the case that change has yet to be delivered. The Panel remains strongly of the view that a fairer police funding formula should be introduced and wholeheartedly supports you and the Chief Constable in your attempts to achieve this through your work at the national level.

Following consideration of the proposal the Panel was satisfied that you had been able to demonstrate that an increase in the Police Precept is justified and will support delivery of the priorities as set out in the Community Safety, Policing and Criminal Justice Plan for Lincolnshire April 2021 – March 2025.

As such, and in accordance with Schedule 5 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, I write to confirm that the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel voted to support your proposal with one abstention to increase the Police Precept by £12.96 for a Band D property in 2024/25.

Please note that this letter will be published on the Panel's website.

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'.

Chris Cook  
Chairman – Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel

CC: Members of the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel  
Chief Executives of Lincolnshire Local Authorities  
Chief Constable for Lincolnshire