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Sussex Police & Crime Panel
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Dear Cllr Watson,

Annual Report 2015/16

Thank you for your letter dated 14 July 2016 following the Police & Crime Panel meeting on 4 July 2016. I note the summary points made by Panel members.

I can confirm the following in respect of the main recommendation from the meeting, as set out below:

The Panel recommends that the Commissioner works with the Chief Constable to ensure the local policing model does not lose sight of the local connection.

As previously explained to Panel members, the Chief Constable has developed the Sussex Local Policing Programme (LPP) in response to changes to policing priorities, demands and the changing nature of crime.

The LPP represents a transformational change to the previous policing model and will enable Sussex Police to operate more effectively and efficiently in the future by responding to incidents based on threat, risk and harm. I have supported the Chief Constable in the development of the LPP and endorsed the new model.

Now that implementation has begun, I am closely monitoring the roll-out of the LPP and holding the Chief Constable to account for its delivery through the following:

- Regular updates from the Chief Constable;
- Representative membership at the Sussex Police Local Policing Board;
- Scrutiny and challenge at monthly Performance & Accountability Meetings which are webcast live; and
- Feedback from continuous public consultation and engagement.

The Police, Effectiveness, Efficiency and Legitimacy (PEEL) assessment programme, delivered annually by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary, will also monitor the implementation of the LPP in Sussex.

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I will continue to hold the Chief Constable to account for the delivery of the LPP and represent the views of members of the public. In particular, my ongoing challenge to the Chief Constable is that the new model must maintain public confidence and reassurance whilst delivering an effective and efficient police service.

As explained at last month's meeting, one of my new four policing and crime objectives for Sussex across 2017/21 is to *strengthen local policing*. I fully expect the LPP to play a pivotal role in achieving this and the other objectives set out in my Police & Crime Plan.

Where any other actions from the Panel meeting remain outstanding, I will ensure that my office responds to each of these individually.

Yours sincerely

Katy Bourne
Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner