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**By Email**

**Re: Review of Fairer Funding Formula for Policing**

Dear Rt Hon Chris Philp MP,

As the Minister of State for Crime, Policing and Fire in the Home Office, I am writing to you on behalf of Sussex Police and Crime Panel regarding the Government's planned review of the police funding formula.

At a meeting on 26 January 2024, the Panel supported, by a majority of votes, the Commissioner's proposed precept of £252.91 (on a Band D property), an increase of £13 (equivalent to 5.42%) for 2024/25. The precept has increased by £114.49, 83% since 2013/14.

However, the Panel recognised that, with core government funding consistently falling year-on-year in real terms, the proportion of Sussex Police's funding falling to Sussex's residents (through their council tax) continues to increase. In 2013/24 the proportion of funding paid by local council taxpayers was 30% of the net budget, but that has now increased to 42% in 2024/25.

Panel members are acutely aware of the additional financial burden this has placed on our residents, and are of the view that this trajectory is unsustainable in the long-term.

The Panel would therefore be grateful to hear when the results of the funding formula review are due to be announced, and be reassured that any proposed funding formula would result in more government funding, reducing the reliance on the local council tax and offer some respite to Sussex's council tax payers.

I look forward to receiving your response in due course.

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