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Via email

Dear Commissioner Bourne,

Thank you for attending the Panel's annual meeting on 3 July, at which statutory scrutiny of your Annual Report 2024/25 was undertaken.

The Panel posed questions on a number of issues. These included:

- Capacity of the Rural Crime Team
- The use of technology
- The capital programme
- Business crime
- Net zero progress
- Call handling
- Victim services

These will be set out in due course in the draft minutes and action list.

However, for the purposes of this report I would like to highlight a particular area of focus, following your decision to withdraw from the Sussex Safer Roads Partnership.

Panel members raised questions about the funding for the Fatal Five Unit, and the timescale for establishing it. Members queried how performance would be measured, and when the public could expect to see improvements. Given the importance of road safety to our residents, and its prominence in your Police and Crime Plan 2024-28, I expect the Panel to take a keen interest in these matters throughout the Plan term.

I would be grateful if I could receive your response to this letter by Friday 8 August 2025. Your response will be published on the Panel's website and included with the papers for the Panel's October meeting. If you have any queries, do please contact me.

I look forward to continuing to work closely with you in the coming year as we serve the residents of Sussex.

Yours sincerely,

Andrei Czolak

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