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Via email

Dear Commissioner Bourne,

Thank you for attending the Panel's annual meeting on 2 July, at which statutory scrutiny of your Annual Report 2025/26 was undertaken.

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

- Efforts to reduce violence against women and girls
- The potential of AI
- Deaths in custody
- The proposed merger of forces
- Use of Body Worn Video
- The impact of Safe Space Sussex
- The impact of the perpetrator programmes
- The detection rate for rural crime and the involvement of organised crime
- Retail crime and Operation STOP
- Channels for reporting cuckooing.
- The rationale for when electric vehicles replace petrol/diesel powered vehicles

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

Several members raised the issue of impact, noting that while the Annual Report provides useful information on inputs and outputs, it contains less detail on the outcomes achieved and the difference your work has made. A further suggestion was that a traffic light system could be introduced to present performance information more clearly and make it easier to interpret. Some members also encouraged the use of clearer, more concise and accessible text wherever possible. I would be grateful if you could give these observations particular consideration.

I would be grateful to receive your response in due course, which 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 working closely with you in the coming year as we serve the residents of Sussex.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Keene

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