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Dear Commissioner Bourne,

Thank you for your engagement with the Panel during the 2024/28 Police & Crime Plan preparation process, culminating in statutory scrutiny of the latest draft at the meeting on 14 March 2025. The Panel supported and welcomed the draft Plan, but raised several points that I hope you will consider before the Plan is published.

A summary of the comments and suggestions follows.

- Although mention is made of performance measures being drawn up, none have been set out in the draft Plan. It would be helpful for these to be published, so that the public are clear on what constitutes success, or failure.
- Concerns were raised around whether it would be better if the focus on increasing confidence in Sussex Police, and making women and girls *feel* safer, should instead be a focus on residents *being* safer, through a reduction in the incidence of crime.
- The Panel was reassured that Sussex Police would continue to work in partnership with the highway authorities in working to make our roads safer.
- The Panel welcomed the recognition of the increased demands placed upon digital forensics, and the importance of this work in tackling crime.

The Panel would be grateful to receive your response in due course.

With best wishes,

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