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Dear Philip

Police and Crime Commissioner's Annual Report 2017/18

Thank you for presenting your Annual Report to the Panel on 21 June. I am pleased to present the Panel's formal response as required under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

As you will recall the Panel particularly focused on the 'Looking Forward' section of the Report and the key areas where progress is essential in order to achieve your Police and Crime Plan ambition of 'A safer, more secure Warwickshire'.

Thank you for sharing the Report with the Panel within a timeframe that allowed feedback to be taken into account and reflected in the final published Report. Specifically we welcome the inclusion of the additional bullet point on page 56, which reads:

- Continue my commitment to obtain fairer Home Office funding for Warwickshire Police

The Panel wishes to highlight the following areas:

Policing levels

The Panel has continued to monitor policing levels and earlier in the year welcomed your investment of additional funding into the 2018/19 budget for frontline policing. The Panel will be seeking your assurance over the coming year that the combined impact of delivering the new operational policing model and successful recruitment of police officers delivers improved performance and boosts public confidence.

HMISCFRS Report 2017

The Panel noted that overall Warwickshire Police is rated 'good' by the inspections but share your disappointment that two of the three inspection areas were graded as 'requires improvement'. As we move through 2018/19, the Planning and Performance Working Group will scrutinise your monitoring of the progress made against the Action Plan. The Panel welcomes the move to separate reporting for the Warwickshire Force which it hopes will enable more transparent and effective monitoring of progress within Warwickshire.

Road Safety

The Panel welcomes and strongly supports your commitment to improving road safety across Warwickshire. However, the Panel expresses concern at the current absence of a strategic and deliverable plan to access the available budget in order to achieve a reduction in the number of people killed and seriously injured on our roads.

Public confidence

The Panel welcomes your commitment to engage widely and encourage challenge and debate. The Panel will be seeking your assurance that timely and effective communication of both objectives and approaches to policing will be consistently prioritised in order to grow and maintain public confidence.

In conclusion your Annual Report provides a representative summary of your work over the past twelve months and your clear intentions for the Force during 2018/19.

The Panel looks forward to developing a work programme that provides effective scrutiny and offers both support and challenge over the coming year.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicola Davies". The signature is written in a cursive style and is centered on a light blue grid background.

Councillor Nicola Davies
Warwickshire Police and Crime Panel Chair