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Dear Commissioner,

Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner Precept for 2023/24

Pursuant to Schedule 5 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 and the Police and Crime Panels (Precepts and Chief Constable Appointments) Regulations 2012, I am writing to you to formally notify you of the decision of the Surrey Police and Crime Panel regarding your proposed precept for 2023/24.

At its public meeting of 3 February 2023, the Panel agreed the following recommendation:

1. *That the Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner Precept for a Band D property be increased by £15, from £295.57 to £310.57, in 2023/24.*

The Panel noted the context of rising costs in which the budget and precept had been prepared. The Panel queried whether more funding from Government to meet inflation or a revised funding formula, rather than an increased precept, would be more appropriate to meet Surrey's needs in the long term.

Surrey Police's vacancy rates were probed by the Panel and assurances sought that standards would not fall through attempts to fill posts. The Police and Crime Commissioner was assured via a review that vetting processes were robust.

The Panel asked about the impact of proposed efficiencies on the Police and Crime Commissioner's commissioned services and programmes and were advised this was minimal and that no one particular charity or provider would lose out.

Thank you for your engagement with the precept scrutiny process and for the clear and insightful briefings which staff from your Office and Surrey Police provided to the Police and Crime Panel's Finance Sub-Group.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor John Robini, Chairman of Surrey Police and Crime Panel

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