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Dear colleague,

### **Police funding for 2019/20: enabling the police to protect the public**

The first role of government is to protect the public. We will ensure that the police have the powers and resources to keep citizens and communities safe. That is why the Government proposed in December the largest annual increase in police funding in England and Wales since 2010 through the 2019/20 police settlement.

Our plans included an increase in total police funding of up to £970 million if all Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) use the full precept flexibility we have provided. This would take total investment into the police system in England and Wales to £14 billion in 2019/20.

We have been pleased to see that the vast majority of PCCs are planning to make use of the full precept flexibility. Many are proposing to use this increase in funding to enable additional recruitment with current plans for total recruitment of around 3,300 to the workforce, including over 2,800 police officers, as well as to meet financial pressures and fill crucial capability gaps, such as those for detectives.

The House of Commons debated and approved the Government's 2019/20 police funding on 5 February. This means there will be substantial increase in funding for police forces in 2019/20 if local PCCs use the full precept flexibility. The total amount available for each local force is included at Annex A.

We are personally committed to supporting the police this year in meeting the changing demands facing them – both through this significant police settlement and in further improving their efficiency and effectiveness to deliver maximum value for money for the taxpayer.

The Government will always be on the side of the police and the broader criminal justice system. This settlement demonstrates our commitment to ensuring that the police have the right resources to do their work against a background of changing demand.

**Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP**  
Home Secretary

**Rt Hon Nick Hurd MP**  
Minister of State for Policing  
and the Fire Service

## Annex A: Force Level Funding 2019/20 Compared to 2018/19

Note these figures are based on precept forecasts and subject to change.

PCC	Total resource funding including pensions grant* in 2019/20			
	2018/19	Cash increase from 2017/18	2019/20	Cash increase from 2018/19
	£m			
Avon & Somerset	281.7	8.0	302.9	21.2
Bedfordshire	104.6	3.2	112.7	8.0
Cambridgeshire	134.0	4.2	144.5	10.5
Cheshire	177.9	5.5	192.0	14.2
City of London	57.0	0.9	61.0	4.0
Cleveland	125.4	2.3	132.7	7.2
Cumbria	102.9	2.5	110.0	7.1
Derbyshire	167.2	4.6	179.6	12.4
Devon & Cornwall	291.3	9.3	314.1	22.8
Dorset	124.7	4.2	135.0	10.4
Durham	115.6	2.6	123.1	7.5
Dyfed-Powys	99.1	2.5	107.2	8.1
Essex	275.9	8.8	298.8	23.0
Gloucestershire	110.3	3.8	118.8	8.5
Greater London Authority	2,560.1	49.3	2,732.1	172.0
Greater Manchester	556.1	10.7	590.8	34.7
Gwent	123.5	2.6	132.0	8.5
Hampshire	314.2	9.7	339.2	25.0
Hertfordshire	188.9	6.1	204.9	16.0
Humberside	175.3	4.0	186.8	11.5
Kent	288.8	9.5	312.4	23.6
Lancashire	266.8	6.4	285.2	18.4
Leicestershire	175.5	5.0	188.2	12.7
Lincolnshire	113.9	3.3	122.4	8.6
Merseyside	312.6	5.1	330.9	18.2
Norfolk	153.6	4.7	164.8	11.2
North Wales	146.5	3.3	157.2	10.7
North Yorkshire	144.8	4.1	155.9	11.1
Northamptonshire	126.0	4.0	135.3	9.2
Northumbria	265.3	5.2	283.3	18.0
Nottinghamshire	195.1	4.6	208.2	13.1
South Wales	271.0	8.2	290.1	19.1
South Yorkshire	245.8	5.0	261.4	15.6
Staffordshire	182.7	4.9	195.9	13.3
Suffolk	116.2	3.5	125.3	9.2
Surrey	217.0	6.9	234.6	17.6
Sussex	264.9	8.9	287.2	22.3
Thames Valley	389.7	12.8	422.4	32.7
Warwickshire	94.1	3.3	101.5	7.4
West Mercia	205.8	4.6	221.9	16.2
West Midlands	534.3	9.9	568.6	34.2
West Yorkshire	418.1	9.9	446.6	28.5
Wiltshire	109.2	4.1	118.3	9.1
<b>Total England &amp; Wales</b>	<b>11,323.4</b>	<b>281.8</b>	<b>12,136.0</b>	<b>812.5</b>

\*Total resource funding consists of core grant funding, National and International Capital City (NICC) grants, Legacy Council Tax grants, Precept grant, Pensions grant and police precept. 2019/20 precept figures are calculated by assuming that PCCs in England and Wales increase their precept Band D level by £24, and Office for Budget Responsibility forecast tax base increases. Figures may not sum due to rounding.