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Dear Mr Hogg,

**Response to Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC) Precept  
Consultation 2016/17**

On behalf of the Durham Police and Crime Panel, I would like to thank you for attending the Panel's meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016 to present your report and respond to questions from Panel Members.

Schedule 5 of the Police, Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 requires the Police and Crime Panel to provide a report to the PCC following consideration of the proposed precept for 2016/17.

Following consideration of your report, the Panel agree with your proposal to set the Council Tax requirement at a level that results in a 1.98% increase in Council Tax for the year ending 31 March 2017.

The panel also note the wide ranging approach and findings following your consultation on the proposed precept. These are very challenging financial times as policing budgets continue to be reduced and public opinion is extremely valuable in shaping the proposed plans to maintain an efficient and effective police service that meets the needs of our local communities.

Yours sincerely

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