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Dear Joy,

Police and Crime Panel Response to Acting Police, Crime and Victim's Commissioner's (PCVC) Annual Report 2020-21

As Vice-Chair of the Durham Police and Crime Panel, I would like to thank you and Mr Steve White, Chief Executive, Office of the Durham Police and Crime Commissioner for attending the Panel's meeting on 19 July 2021 and presenting the Acting Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner's Annual Report.

The Panel acknowledged the format to provide a concise report that is focused on key priority areas within the PCVC Plan and reports information on achievements and challenges during this period. Members note the impact of coronavirus during this period and welcome approaches taken through virtual formats to continue engagement by the office and maintaining confidence. The Panel also note the significant impact and approaches taken by the office and the force in handling of the visit to Barnard Castle by Mr Dominic Cummings.

The Panel also note that looking ahead, the PCC's priorities for 2021/22 were included within the report on proposals for consultation of the draft Police and Crime Plan and future performance reports to panel meetings will be based on new priority areas following approval of the Police and Crime Plan.

Panel Members would like to record their appreciation to Steve White for undertaking the role of Acting Police, Crime and Victims Commissioner. Members note that this has been a difficult period and have welcomed the approach taken by Steve to engage with the Panel on challenging areas including the proposed custody suite and precept setting. This engagement through Panel reports and development sessions enabled Panel members to have a greater understanding of these areas.

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To conclude, I would like to pass on my appreciation to all involved with publication and delivery of the annual report I look forward to working with you to deliver the Panel's work programme for 2021/22. In accordance with the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, I trust you find the Panel's views are constructive and I look forward to your response.

Yours Sincerely

Councillor Joan Nicholson
Vice - Chair of the Durham Police and Crime Panel

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