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Response to the Police and Crime Panel Comments on the 2024/25 Precept Proposals

Thank you for your report on the Police and Crime Panel's response to my proposals for the Police Precept for 2024/25. I thank the Panel for their consideration of the reports submitted to them, for their probing questions and for their full support for the proposal to increase the precept by the maximum allowed £13.

I note the Panel's comments about the use of reserves and the need for the development of a rigorous savings and efficiency plan. I wish to assure the Panel that I have ensured there are robust mechanisms in place and that they are being developed with input from my Office. As indicated at the meeting, I will ensure that the Reserves Strategy and the savings and efficiencies plans, along with revenue budget monitoring for 2024/25, are presented to the Panel in September.

Like the Panel, I weighed carefully the impact of the precept increase on hard-pressed council taxpayers against the consequences of not providing the maximum funding possible for the Constabulary. I concluded that all the residents of the County will benefit from the investments I am making in the Constabulary, in order to ensure the Chief Constable can deliver the best possible service.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Chris Nelson'.

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