



**POLICE & CRIME
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for Leicestershire**

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LORD WILLYBACH

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Dear Joe,

Annual Report 2016/17

Thank you for your recent response and the positive feedback on our work to date. I welcome and am grateful for your support.

As I mentioned at our meeting, I am very aware that while we have made a good start, there is more work to do.

For your reassurance, I would like to emphasise that I am looking forward to building on the excellent partnership working we have all enjoyed to date. We have seen real progress.

Since our meeting I have met with the newly recruited members of my Youth Commission and am excited by their enthusiasm for the role. I will provide, in a separate note, back to the Panel, the breakdown of the diversity factors of the Youth Commission.

As planned I will continue to update the Panel regarding the Force's progress in relation to HMIC's recommendations on PEEL and other inspections. At the heart of that will be further calls for a fair funding deal for Leicestershire Police as I feel this is pivotal to the sustainability of real neighbourhood policing. I have no wish to rehearse the details of that argument here, suffice to say that demand on police resources has grown and crime itself has changed. These challenges will continue and, in many ways, intensify - particularly with the anticipated increase in population.

Public accessibility is of course paramount to service, safety and confidence. I am pleased that the ways in which people can access the police have become more flexible and therefore more convenient to many. This does not detract from the need to deliver a first class service to those making non-emergency calls and in the coming year I intend to redouble my efforts to see a wider, more cohesive call-handling facility.

I look forward to reporting back to you on the progress of these and other work-strands highlighted in my Police and Crime Plan in the coming months.

Yours sincerely,

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