



Cllr Stephen Mackay
Chairman of Police & Crime Panel
Worcestershire County Council
County Hall
Worcester

Our Ref: JPC/JI

13th February 2020

Dear Stephen

Re: Confirmation of the Police and Crime Panel's support for budget proposal

Thank you for your letter dated 7th February 2020, in which you confirm the Police and Crime Panel's support for my budget proposals. I note the majority support of the Panel for my budget, including the proposal to increase the precept for 2020/21 by 3.94% which I will now implement.

I am grateful to the Panel for their understanding of the challenges the December election brought to our budget preparation which unfortunately meant we had limited time following the settlement announcement to finalise the budget and were unable to engage with the Panel's Task Group in advance of the meeting.

I have considered the comments contained in your report and my response to each is set out below.

Performance – As you are aware following the PCC election in May 2020 the elected PCC will have to produce a new Police and Crime Plan by the 31 March 2021 and this will provide an opportunity for the Panel to be involved in the development of measures for monitoring performance and implementation of the Police and Crime plan.

IT – as discussed at the meeting I will arrange for the IT project plan to be shared with you.

Strategic alliance – I welcome the ongoing engagement and scrutiny of the Panel's Task Group in respect of the impact on the budget and will of course discuss with you any requirements for additional briefings or Panel meetings as the negotiations progress.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Campion". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

John Campion
Police & Crime Commissioner
West Mercia