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Mr Ron Hogg  
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Dear Mr Hogg,

**Response to Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC) Precept  
Determination 2014/15**

On behalf of the Durham Police and Crime Panel, I would like to thank you and Mr Ridley, Chief Finance Officer for attending the Panel's meeting on 3rd February 2014 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 2014/15.

Following consideration of your report, the Panel agree, with your proposal to set the Council Tax requirement at a level that results in a 2% increase in Band D Council Tax for the year ending 31 March 2015, subject to this complying with the Government's Council Tax capping criteria and that in the event of a cap lower than 2% being imposed it is set at a level that results in the maximum permissible increase.

Yours Sincerely

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