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Dear Councillor Hovvels,

Thank you for your response to the refreshed Police and Crime Plan. Once again I have found the contribution from Panel members to be most useful and insightful.

I am grateful for the Panel's support for the inclusion of mental health and the maintenance of the performance of the Integrated Offender Management Units.

I welcome your comments in relation to hate crime and I will ensure that the Panel receive a specific report on progress with this priority.

I have asked that the Chief Financial Officer includes information on commissioning, particularly the 'Community Safety Pot' within the reports he prepares on my behalf for the Panel on budget monitoring.

In response to the comments around organised crime, I have included stronger reference to this in the section which sets out my priorities and I hope that this has addressed the suggestions in such a way that both satisfies members and does not raise the fear of crime unnecessarily.

The plan is currently being produced and once the printed document is received I will ensure that Panel members receive copies.

Yours sincerely

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