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Mr Ron Hogg  
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11<sup>th</sup> February 2013

Dear Mr Hogg,

**Police and Crime Panel Response to proposed appointment of Chief Constable**

As Chair of the Durham Police and Crime Panel, I would like to thank you and Mr Barton for attending the Panel's Confirmation hearing on the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2013.

In accordance with Schedule 8 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 the Police and Crime Panel is required to provide a response following consideration of your report and responses to questions from Members of the Police and Crime Panel.

In conclusion, Members of the Panel were unanimous and agreed with your recommendation that Michael Barton be appointed as Chief Constable of Durham Constabulary.

On behalf the Panel, I would like to wish Mr Barton 'all the very best' within his role as Chief Constable of Durham Constabulary.

Yours Sincerely

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