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Dear Commissioner

**Re: Lincolnshire Police Precept 2026/27**

On behalf of the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel, I would like to thank you and your team for your attendance at the Panel meeting on Friday to present, discuss and answer the Panel's questions in relation to your proposed Police Precept for 2026/27.

The Panel recognises the challenges arising from the longstanding underfunding of Lincolnshire Police, including the pressures on resourcing and the difficult decisions that have been required as a result of financial shortfalls. Although the allocation of an additional £12 million per year from the Government is greatly welcomed, it is recognised that a funding gap would nevertheless remain in the absence of an increase in council tax. Therefore, the proposed increase in council tax is deemed necessary and is supported by the Panel. The requirement for a sustainable, long-term funding solution remains.

As such, and in accordance with Schedule 5 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, I write to confirm that the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel voted to support your proposal to increase the Police Precept by £14.94 for a Band D property in 2026/27, with two votes against.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Cook, Chairman of the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel