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Cllr. Gill Mercer  
Northamptonshire Police and Crime Panel  
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Dear Gill,

**The Police and Crime Commissioner's Formal Response to the Report of the Police and Crime Panel on its Review of the Commissioner's proposed Precept for 2017-18**

I would like to thank the Panel for its report, dated 7 February 2018, which sets out the results of its review of my proposed precept for 2018-19.

This letter is the response I am required to give to the Panel in accordance with the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011. This response is required to be published in a manner, which is to be determined by the Police and Crime Panel; in accordance with schedule 5, paragraph 5(4) of the Act.

I am grateful to the Panel for its unanimous support for my recommended increase in the precept, which equates to Council Tax Band D level to £221.04 for 2018-19. This represents an increase of 5.74% or £12 on the precept for police purposes.

I note and take very seriously the points the Panel made at its meeting; summarised in section 3 of the Panel's report. I have already discussed these issues with the Chief Constable and will report back to the Panel throughout the forthcoming year on changes to the Forces' effectiveness and efficiency. However, I would also like to say that the Force continue to work around the clock on our behalf and they do an incredible job. Public confidence is hugely

important and I am already looking at ways of better informing the public of the work both within my office and the Force.

Following publication of this response I shall approve and issue the precept based on a Band D Council Tax of £221.04p.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Mold', with a stylized flourish underneath.

Stephen Mold  
Police and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire