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Dear Geoff,

Safer Stockton Partnership


Thank you for your letter dated the 13th July 2012 regarding the relationship between the elected Police Commissioner and Stockton Community Safety Partnership and I appreciate the information on the success of the partnership in helping to reduce the crime rate in Stockton by 49% over the period of the last seven years.

I believe that if the new PCC is to accomplish a further reduction in crime and disorder it can only be achieved through a strong relationship with the partnerships and organisations that currently exist in the Cleveland Force area. I see the Community Safety Partnerships in the four Boroughs as being fundamental in identifying and understanding the issues that cause concern to their residents and I would intend, if elected, to work closely with them in preparing the Policing Plan.

Although it is early to appreciate the full extent of the work commitment of this new position it would be my intention to attend each of the Boroughs Safety Partnerships but I would consider it more appropriate, at this time, to attend in the capacity as an observer. This would allow me to listen to and contribute to debate without committing me to any actions that may not be appropriate without an input from the Chief Constable on operational effectiveness or constraints.

I appreciate the sensitivities involved in the run up to the election in November but if you would extend an invitation to one of your meetings in the near future I would be delighted to attend.

Yours sincerely,



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