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Dear Neil

You will be aware that in line with other Public Sector organisations, Cleveland Police is required to make significant savings over the lifetime of the Comprehensive Spending Review [CSR]. These savings are currently estimated to amount to at least £26.4 million over the period 2011-2015.

As a consequence, a team has been tasked from within the Force to conduct a major review of how we deliver our service to local communities and neighbourhoods.

We remain strongly committed to delivering policing at the local level through Neighbourhood Policing Teams and maintaining our ability to effectively and efficiently respond to calls from the public for assistance. In addition, we value and recognise the importance of working closely with our partners, such as yourselves and we will seek to maintain those strong working relationships.

It is our aspiration to maintain the number of constables working as Neighbourhood and Response Officers and, dependent on the intentions of the Police and Crime Commissioner, to maintain the numbers of Police Community Support Officers.

It is, however, necessary to significantly reduce the budget and this can only be achieved by reducing the pay budget. It will be necessary to change our supervision and management structures and reconfigure the distribution of the more specialist resources.

No decisions have yet been made. It is our intention to develop the options during 2012 with an intention to start the implementation in 2013.

As a key partner of Cleveland Police, we will consult with you and take into account your thoughts and ideas regarding the changes as they are progressed. The team responsible for the Review will be in contact with you in the near future.

Yours sincerely

Jacqui Cheer

T/Chief Constable

Stuart Drummond

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