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Dear Mr Seccombe,

Warwickshire Policing Precept 2025/26

Thank you for attending the Police & Crime Panel meeting on Monday 3 February 2025, outlining your report and responding to questions from Panel Members.

I can confirm that the Panel voted unanimously to support your proposal of an increase of £14.00 (4.83%) in the local policing precept for an average Band D property (and equivalent percentage increase for other bands) for the 2025/26 financial year.

Notification of the additional Neighbourhood Policing Grant, which was received after the publication of the agenda, was also noted, along with the intention to hold this in reserves until further details relating to the terms and conditions to be applied, had been received.

The Panel also welcomed the commitment to continue to grow the number of police officers and PCSO's in Warwickshire, and we will continue to monitor progress against these given the recognised financial and practical challenges around increasing their numbers.

Whilst supporting the increase, the Panel would like to see tangible improvements in the services being delivered and hope to achieve this through regular scrutiny of performance data at the Planning and Performance Working Group over the next year. The Panel recognises that some areas of performance are more measurable than

others and they would like to continue monitoring those areas highlighted to them as areas of public concern. These include the 101 call-handling process, along with call waiting times and abandonment data, progress with tackling anti-social behaviour, burglary, vehicle crime and theft.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the team at the OPCC for their input and collaborative approach at the Budget briefing, held prior to the Panel meeting on Monday. In particular, the Head of Finance's support in explaining the background and wider context was very much appreciated, with Members agreeing that the session had been especially informative and had helped them to understand the process prior to making their decision.

A copy of the minutes of the meeting of 3 February 2025 will be circulated in due course.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Davis', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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