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Dear Alison

First, can I begin by thanking the Panel members for their comments in relation to the refreshed version of my Plan. The purpose of this letter is to provide a response to the Panel's recommendations made in its report following the meeting on Friday 11 April 2014. This will be published on my website alongside the Plan and supporting documents.

Over the last year I have spent a substantial amount of time listening to the public and partners and have tried – where possible – to reflect within the refreshed Plan the comments they have provided, including those provided by the Panel. Before refreshing the content of the Plan, my staff undertook a needs assessment which collated and assessed available evidence to inform the priorities that I believe should be included. This needs assessment will be made available on my website alongside the Plan so that this evidence is available for the public to view. I will, however, take on board the Panel's comments around including more of this evidence in the Plan itself when I review it in future years.

Together with the Delivery Group I am developing a delivery strategy that will include, among other things, where I have been able to make grants to partners towards their valuable work in tackling crime, disorder and substance misuse and how we will measure success against the community outcomes. This strategy will also provide my intentions on how I will continue to work with partners as I become responsible for funding local victim support services later in the year. I recognise this strategy will need to be flexible to respond to changing priorities and opportunities throughout the year and the lifetime of the revised Plan so it will be underpinned by a number of delivery action plans with lead officers taking responsibility for delivery. My aim is to complete the draft delivery strategy by the end of July.

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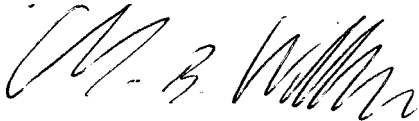
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I recognise the very valuable contribution that the Panel can make to the work I am undertaking with partners and I look forward to meeting with you again on 5 June 2014 to consider the areas where the Panel can add significant value to the delivery of the Police and Crime Plan, to make sure that all our communities are safer and feel safer across West Yorkshire.

Yours sincerely



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