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VIA EMAIL

Cllr Alison Lowe
Chair, Police and Crime Panel

Dear Cllr Lowe

PCC Response to the Panel recommendations

Thank you for your comments and recommendations regarding the draft Police and Crime Plan 2016-21 presented to the Police & Crime Panel on 4th of November 2016. Firstly I would like to start by thanking the Panel for their overall support for the plan noted in the report, and their input during the consultation process.

I have taken the decision to delay the launch of the plan until December 2016 to accommodate some additional information. The plan will include an appendix showing the latest available performance data against measures in the new plan to show the “starting point” for the delivery measures. It should however be noted, that due to changes in some of the measures included, some data will be unavailable until wider changes have been made. For example, West Yorkshire Police cannot legally add the question to the victim satisfaction survey which will provide the data for “the proportion of victims who are satisfied with the outcome they received” until after April 2017. That said, I will provide comparable information in the interim where appropriate. I feel strongly that this is a five year plan and including these new measures for inclusion post April, will not only help me to hold the Chief Constable and police to account, but will also help to support positive outcomes and performance.

I will release draft “Priority Plans” that sit alongside and behind the new Police and Crime Plan. As discussed, these “Priority Plans” will be devised in conjunction with the police and partners to ensure that they properly reflect the objectives which we are all working to. For this reason the drafts will be made available by the end of December, however, further consultation may continue after this, which I would welcome the Panel’s input on. All finalised “Priority Plans” will be made available by the end of the financial year and will be reviewed annually to ensure they continue to reflect their dynamic nature in meeting the needs of our communities.

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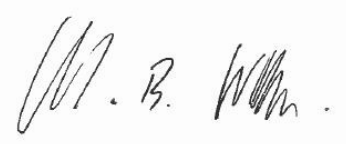
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I would also like to acknowledge the Panel's suggestion to include more detailed information about the mechanisms in place to hold the Chief Constable to account and will strengthen this section to make it more clear. As I stated in the meeting, I am also committed to making this Plan accessible to the public and will be providing the shortened "Plan at a Glance" version for wider reference and circulation.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. B. Williamson'.

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