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Dear Emily,

### Review of Community Safety Partnership Funding

As you know I am committed to working in partnership with councils to delivery my priorities for community safety across Thames Valley. Key to this relationship are our Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs). In recent years great efforts have been made to strengthen the work between my office and your community safety teams as well as encouraging close working with Thames Valley Police.

Now that I have published by new Police & Criminal Justice Plan I want to review how CSPs can best be funded to help deliver on those issues that matter most to the public. To this end I am reviewing the current arrangements for providing funding to CSPs. This will involve changes to the funding formula, but also the process for releasing funds and looking at a longer term funding commitment that will allow better project planning to deliver even greater results for the public.

These proposals will be presented to the Police and Crime Panel at their meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> September. The Panel do not have a role to approve or veto the proposals, but in the interests of transparency I am keen to share the proposed funding formula with panel members who I hope will endorse this approach.

More detail will be published with the papers for the Panel meeting and I will write to you again after the meeting to officially confirm the intended funding arrangements for your authority, but I wanted to make sure that you were sighted on the forthcoming changes.

Yours sincerely,

CC – Leader, Cabinet Members for Community Safety, Police & Crime Panel Member