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Mr A Stephenson MP

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Dear Mr A Stephenson MP

**RE: Police Grant – Funding Renewal For Early Consultation**

I have been advised that government will be releasing for consultation on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2015, changes to the Funding Formula for Police Grant.

From the information available to date, I am aware that there may well be 'losers' and 'winners' in the proposals. I accept the process is one of consultation and no determinations will be made until the conclusion of the consultation. I will of course make my views known during the process, but I feel I need to bring to your attention my concerns at this time.

Since 2010/11, £61m of savings have been delivered to date and by 2020/21, this is likely to rise to £100m. This has resulted in 700 fewer Police Officers and 500 fewer Police Staff to date, with more to come.

If in due course, further detrimental changes are made to the Funding Formula and/or additional savings are identified through the forthcoming CSR, then the impact on Lancashire and its residents will be severe.

As you may recall, I have previously lobbied government for the ability to have flexibility around setting the precept and I feel again this is something that needs serious consideration.

I am aware that summer recess is due to start, but I'd ask you to be aware of this consultation and I hope I can count on your support in the forthcoming months on these difficult issues.

Yours sincerely

**Clive Grunshaw**  
Police & Crime Commissioner for Lancashire