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Dear Mr A Stephenson MP

**Re: Consultation on Reform of Police Funding Arrangements**

I refer to my previous correspondence to you in respect of the Funding Formula Consultation, which has now been issued by Government.

The consultation is seeking views on reforming the funding formula used to distribute funding between the 43 forces in England and Wales.

The consultation document proposes a 'simplified allocation model' and one which allocates funding fairly.

The proposed model has a number of guiding principles including stability, transparency and future proofing and these are to be welcomed. The proposed model however also, suggests a significantly simplified model which uses population levels the underlying characteristics of that population environmental characteristics to determine force level allocations.

A simplified more transparent allocation approach is again welcomed, but care needs to be taken not to lose the underlying complexities of geographic areas.

It is appreciated that this is a consultation document, however, the consultation could be more meaningful if there were to be some form of exemplification.

This consultation has the potential to have a dramatic impact (good and bad) on police forces in the UK and it is therefore imperative that in the context of the principles and the proposed allocation model, exemplifications must be available to aid meaningful consultation.

In Lancashire, I could spend time trying to interpret the proposals and consider its impact in Lancashire, however, without further detailed supporting information, I would be merely estimating its impact based on our own interpretation.

Therefore, I am calling upon your support to lobby and make representations to colleagues in the Home Office, including the Home Secretary and particularly the Police Resources Policy Team, to ask them to provide exemplifications as soon as possible. I would be grateful if you could me updated as to any lobbying undertaken and any responses received.

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As I have already stated, these proposals could have a significant impact on the delivery of policing in Lancashire and it is important that we have all the relevant information in order to make consultation meaningful.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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Police & Crime Commissioner for Lancashire

