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Dear Ms May

Meeting of the Full Council – 22 October 2015

I am writing as Chief Executive of Lancashire County Council to inform you that the County Council at its meeting on 22 October 2015 approved the following resolution:

"This Council notes with great concern the threat to frontline policing in Lancashire due to proposed cuts in government funding for the police service through a shift of resources away from the county.

Council believes that the impact of these cuts on Lancashire residents (a further 650 officer posts) will place them at greater risk of crime and anti-social behaviour and that victims will receive a much poorer service from the police service.

Council notes that Lancashire's Chief Constable has stated, "My pledge to you has always been that we will keep you safe from harm and protect the most vulnerable. It is with a heavy heart that I say I cannot guarantee this for you in the future if these cuts go ahead." And that:

- All our neighbourhood policing teams – including Community Beat Managers, Police Community Support Officers, would be axed;
- Every single public enquiry desk in the county would be closed;
- The vast majority of roads policing officers will also be disbanded;
- All support units would be axed;
- The mounted branch and police dogs will also need to go;
- We would also lose a significant proportion of our serious organised crime unit and our team that manage dangerous and sexual offenders;
- The constabulary would have to significantly reduce frontline response officers and could no longer guarantee to come when needed.

Accordingly, Council resolves:

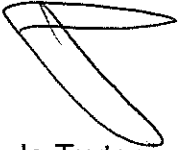


1. to write to the Home Secretary expressing our concerns and requesting that the police formula funding and financial settlement for Lancashire Constabulary would avoid such cuts, and
2. to request that Lancashire MPs work to prevent the proposed cuts being implemented with the consequent drastic reduction of policing in our area."

No doubt you will consider the County Council's request as set out in the resolution and let me have your response as soon as possible.

I have, of course, also written to all Lancashire MPs as requested by the Council.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jo Turton', written in a cursive style.

Jo Turton
Chief Executive