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Dear Mary

Re: Consultation on reform of police funding arrangements in England and Wales

Thank you for your letter of 28 October 2015 providing an update in respect of the consultation on the reform of police funding arrangements in England and Wales.

I am grateful that you have been able to provide the detailed information that supports the proposals and for the extension that has been provided for the submission of our response to the refined funding formula proposals set out in Mike Penning's letter of the 8th October.

I must point out however that the receipt of this information is extremely late in the day and even with an extension to the 6th November for responses this leaves an unacceptably short period in which to provide a meaningful and comprehensive submission.

I must also point out that the Director of Finance for Lancashire Constabulary requested, via a letter to Ziggy MacDonald as early in the process as the 21st August 2015 that this detail was required to enable effective participation in the consultation process so it is rather frustrating that it has only just been provided.

I will of course, in conjunction with the Chief Constable of Lancashire Constabulary provide a response by the 6th November in which we will endeavour to provide as comprehensive and robust submission as we can within an extremely tight timeframe. Again I express my regret and concern that such an important issue is being rushed in such a way and repeat my request that a delay in implementation is put in place to allow a full and properly robust examination of the proposals to take place.

I repeat my thanks to you for this further update and look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely

Clive Grunshaw
Police & Crime Commissioner for Lancashire