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Dear Mike,

Further to the 2 February meeting, thank you for the Panel's report on my draft refreshed Police and Crime Plan and proposed precept for 2016/17 which was received on 7 March.

I am pleased to note the Panel's support for my Plan and in particular the greater emphasis on:

- tackling radicalisation and enhancing Kent Police's specialist capability and capacity;
- improving coordination to tackle modern slavery;
- working with partners to identify and safeguard victims of child sexual exploitation; and
- protecting children from harm, particularly those in care and unaccompanied asylum seekers.

I am also pleased to note the Panel's approval of my proposed precept increase of 3.4%. Whilst this was a very difficult decision, in light of recent terrorist atrocities around the world, we should all feel reassured that this will help protect local communities by allowing the Chief Constable to recruit an additional 24 firearms officers.

Finally, In light of the Panel's feedback, I can also confirm that the Plan has been amended to reflect the positive impact restorative justice can have on preventing crime.

Best wishes,
Ann

Ann Barnes
Kent Police & crime Commissioner