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Rupert Matthews  
Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire

Cc: Andrew Bridgen MP

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Dear Rupert,

**Leicestershire Police Financial Planning**

Thank you again for highlighting your concerns regarding Leicestershire Police's financial situation and for facilitating the recent visit from my officials to investigate the matter further.

I was pleased to hear of the strong focus on financial management within the force as well as the excellent recruitment progress you have made on the uplift programme. I was also pleased to learn that your financial planning assumptions, while relatively conservative, are consistent with those used by similar forces.

Overall, I am reassured that the financial position of the force is sustainable and would note that there are a range of levers available to mitigate any excess risk, including the extent to which the force chooses to exceed uplift recruitment targets.

I hope that the forthcoming Spending Review and police settlement will give you and the force greater certainty for the next round of financial planning.

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