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Mr Stephen Bett
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Dear Stephen,

Norfolk Police and Crime Panel – review of proposed precept for 2016-17, 2 February 2016, 10am, Edwards Room, County Hall

In accordance with Schedule 5 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, I write to confirm the Norfolk Police and Crime Panel's decision regarding your proposed precept for 2016-17.

With 9 votes for and 1 against, the Panel voted to veto your proposal of a council tax freeze on the basis that it was too low. Having weighed-up your reasons against the Chief Constable's arguments that the precept should be raised by the maximum amount, the Panel agreed that a freeze would not support the Constabulary to meet its future challenges.

As you will be aware, the next steps that we are required to take following a veto are as follows:
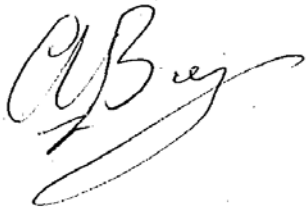
1) The Panel must make a report to the Commissioner by 8 February 2016 (this letter is the Panel's report to you; draft minutes of our consideration of your original precept proposal will be included in the paperwork for the 16 February 2016 meeting).

2) You are required to have regard to and respond to the Panel's report (this letter) and notify the Panel of your revised precept proposal by 15 February 2016.

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3) The Panel is scheduled to meet on 10am on 16 February to review your revised precept proposal. It will make a second report to you by 22 February 2016.

4) You are then required to respond to the Panel's second report by 1 March 2016.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor Alec Byrne
Chairman of the Norfolk Police and Crime Panel

Copied to: Ms J McKibben, Deputy PCC
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