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Dear Ms Tibble,

Proposed Precept

Thank you for your letter of 27th January outlining the reasons behind the Police and Crime Panel's veto of my proposal to increase the precept by 1.99%. I am fully cognisant of the reasons behind the Panel's decision and appreciate the extent and thoroughness of the debate.

Arising from the meeting there are a few things I would appreciate the opportunity to clarify.

In the discussion about the papers submitted to the panel by members of my department, suggestions were made by some members that they had had insufficient warning in advance. I have checked and give you the assurance that all the relevant documents were sent from my office on 10th January at 9:54am.

The other issue is the one in which the panel felt that there was insufficient clarity in the budget paper to support the proposed increase.

It would be helpful for me to advise officers how to deal with this if I could receive more clarity in what panel members do require so we can satisfy the need, if this request is more than set out in your letter. I should say, however, that I feel the papers were very comprehensive – including statements on reserves – and all this had been discussed at an earlier briefing meeting. I have also been mindful of the request at a previous meeting from one member for papers which were easier to understand.

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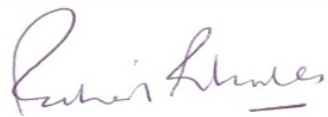
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My point simply is that I would like guidance on what members want and then I can see that submissions in future are always appropriate and satisfactory for members needs.

I confirm that all the requisite papers for our next meeting will be prepared and sent by 11th February.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Richard Rhodes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line under the name.

Richard Rhodes
Police and Crime Commissioner