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Dear Julia

## **Police funding for 2019/20: enabling the police to protect the public**

The first role of government is to protect the public. We will always ensure that police have the powers and resources to keep citizens and communities safe. That is why, **we will increase funding available to Police and Crime Commissioners by up to £813m**, if PCCs use their precept flexibility fully. This is the biggest annual increase since 2010. Combined with increases in CT police funding and investments in serious and organised crime this means **an increase in total police funding in 2019/20 by c. £970m**, again if PCCs use their precept flexibility fully. We are personally committed to ensuring our police have the resources they need. We have written to all MPs to set out the specifics of the overall settlement.

However, we understand that the Metropolitan Police Service faces real challenges, including from greater reporting of complex and serious crimes, and we wanted to write separately to set out what this means for your police force area in particular. This settlement will give the Mayor of London and Chief Constable the funding they need to tackle changing crime.

For the Metropolitan Police Service, the settlement means:

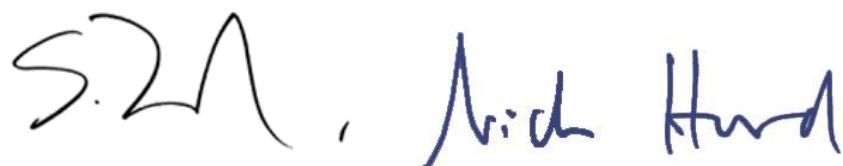
- **A £46m increase in Government grant funding (including a £12m increase for the National and International Capital City Grant).** This means Government grant funding is protected in real terms in 2019/20.
- A further grant of **£45.7m to assist with increased pensions costs.**
- Flexibility for the Mayor of London to raise Council Tax precept by £2 a month for a typical (Band D) household. This **could raise up to £81m in local precept to improve policing in your area.**

This means the Metropolitan Police Service will see a total increase in funding of up to £172m next year including pensions funding and precept.

We want to help the Metropolitan Police Service to use this funding well, and succeed in tackling crime. That is why we are encouraging police forces to focus on four key areas next year that drive efficiency and effectiveness: building investigative capability, including employing more detectives; working together to save money from procurement and the back office to spend on the frontline; helping officers work more productively, including through using mobile digital technology to help them save time; and supporting coordinated work to tackle serious and organised crime.

We will support the Metropolitan Police Service by making the right national investments. We will invest £90m to tackle serious and organised crime threats including economic crime, child sexual exploitation, and cybercrime. An additional £160m will be provided for counter-terrorism policing, a year-on-year increase of £59m which will take counter-terrorism policing annual funding to over £800m. This is a significant additional investment in the vital work of counter-terrorism police officers across the country and will ensure that police across the country are well equipped to work closely with our communities and keep citizens safe.

The first role of government is to protect the public. This settlement demonstrates our commitment to ensuring that the police have the powers and resources to keep citizens and communities safe.

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