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Dear Community Council Member

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ENGAGEMENT

Recently I have received several correspondences in relation to our attendance at Community Council meetings across North East Division and the update reports we provide. This has caused me to review our current arrangements with a view to ensuring we are as visible as possible and that products provided are meaningful to the Community Council being updated.

Undertaking this review, I found that across the board we were doing our best to attend where possible and tailor our reports to the audience. However, due to operational demands and the lack of a formal agreement our attendance was often sporadic and reports were sometimes missed.

In discussing the way forward with my Local Area Commanders, members of the community and elected officials, I made clear my desire to ensure we were able to sustain visibility to the Community Councils as I believe this is key in maintaining effective communication channels and confidence in our policing service. Throughout these conversations I was also honest in that with over 100 Community Councils across the north east, we were not going to be able to service every meeting.

The conclusion of my review was that I would commit my Local Area Commanders to ensure the following:

1. Attendance at every Community Council meeting at least once every 6 months
2. Creation and distribution of a localised police report, specific to the Community Council area once a quarter.

As I'm sure everyone will understand, operational demands may on occasion influence attendance. Where this is the case, I expect the relevant Officer to

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contact the Community Council to arrange attendance at the next meeting. The specifics for the attendance at the meetings I will leave for the relevant Community Policing Teams to arrange. Although we will operate a templated report to continue to ensure we report items of relevance against our Policing Plan, I would expect there to be an ongoing dialogue between Community Councils and their Officers with regard to items of specific interest they would like updates on. To ensure clarity going forward I have provided a list of contacts for each area below.

I hope these arrangements will be agreeable to our Community Councils, who we hold in very high regard, providing a clear commitment we will adhere to wherever possible.

My intention would be to review these arrangements after the first 2 quarters of the next Financial Year, and I would be keen to hear any feedback on progress.

Kind regards



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