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Dear David

Thank you for your letter dated 9th October 2017.

Your members have noted the financial constraints on the police, and I welcome that. It is not however clear to me whether the belief that insufficient resources have been dedicated to the Borough proceeds from a concern that the balance of resources unfairly favours the Wiltshire Council area. I can evidence the fact that pro rata to population and crime, Swindon receives a fair and proportionate allocation of the total resource available. If that belief proceeds from an appreciation that the totality of resources is inadequate, may I expect your help in arguing for a greater share of the national resource for Wiltshire and Swindon, a real terms protection for police budgets, and flexibility in selling the local police precept.

The specific request for information contained in the points a) – d) is squarely within the remit of the Police and Crime Panel. I suggest the appropriate course of action would be for you to contact the panel chair, Richard Britton, direct. I would also add the policing services have come under increasing pressure as a result of service cuts by other agencies. This leaves police as the service of last resort, having to step in to deal with matters they have previously not had to. I will suggest that the panel looks simultaneously at this.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Angus Macpherson', with a long horizontal line extending from the bottom of the signature.

Angus Macpherson MBE
Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire and Swindon