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Dear Mr Rolfe,

**Consultation – Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2019-20**

Thank you for your recent letter giving the Police & Crime Commissioner the opportunity to comment on Guildford Borough Council's proposed 2019/20 Local Council Tax Support Scheme.

The Commissioner does not feel that he is in a position to make comments on the revisions that individual District Councils are currently considering making to their Council Tax Support Schemes. His view is that proposed alterations to schemes rest better with the members of the District and Borough Councils, as they will have a better understanding of the impact that their decisions will have on their residents and the consequent amount collected via Council Tax, a share of which is subsequently passed on to us through the Police Precept. What the Commissioner would however ask Council members to take account of when deciding what changes, if any, should be made to existing support schemes, is the consequent impact their decisions will have on the funding of Surrey Police and thereby the ability of the Force to continue to maintain current levels of policing within the County as a whole.

Thank you again for giving us the opportunity to comment.

Yours sincerely

Ian Perkin Treasurer & CFO