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Dear Member of Parliament,

Home Office Police Precept Survey - Response

As you may know, the Home Office has recently asked Police and Crime Commissioners for their opinions on the police precept. This comes in advance of the government's Comprehensive Spending Review which will announce new spending plans for public services and investment, including the police.

I wanted to share with you my response to this survey and would urge you to back me in calls for a fairer funding settlement for Lancashire Constabulary. As a result of continued austerity, Lancashire Constabulary has had to make savings of around £86.4m since 2010 with police numbers falling by around 800 officers and 350 police staff.

I am clear in my position that continued reliance on council tax increases to generate income for policing is unsustainable and places an unfair burden on the poorest sections of our communities. Put simply, the current national funding level for policing is insufficient to provide the level of service required by the public.

In advance of the Comprehensive Spending Review I want to encourage all Lancashire MPs to lobby the Home Office and its Ministers to commit to recognising the level of need in each area as well as the demand placed on Lancashire.

To co-ordinate your efforts and for ease I have included draft text for a joint letter to the Policing Minister, Nick Hurd MP.

Please also find enclosed my response to the Home Office precept survey.

I would welcome your thoughts on this important issue.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Clive Grunshaw'. Below the signature is a horizontal line.

Clive Grunshaw
Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire