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I welcome the overall assessment of 'good' in the report by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) into the efficiency of police forces.

This is a positive report for Lancashire Constabulary and along with the fact that HMIC could find no areas for improvement shows that the force remains one of the most efficient in the country.

The Constabulary have been rightly praised for their understanding of the demands they face across the county and I can assure you that we are always looking at ways to better collaborate with other police forces and services to keep Lancashire safe.

I was particularly pleased to note the positive remarks you made in relation to the IT investment I have made. However, to invest we need certainty and I welcome that HMIC have recognised the challenges that Lancashire Constabulary will face if the the government's proposed changes to the way police funding is allocated proves to be worse than expected for Lancashire.

In the meantime, I will continue to work closely together with the Force and with HMIC to improve policing for the whole community.

Yours sincerely