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Dear Cllr. Smith,

Following the publication of your response to my Annual Report, I am pleased to respond to the Panel in accordance with Section 28 (4) of Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

I was pleased that the Panel recognised the breadth of positive work being delivered by the OPFCC. As we continue to consult and develop the new Public Safety Plan, there will be an opportunity to further enhance how services meet the diverse needs of our rural and urban communities. I have written to partners across the county, and to the panel, to outline the framework for the new plan, which will need strong partnership working on all fronts.

Finally, it is important that our emergency services have greater financial stability rather than one-year financial settlements. I will be lobbying central government in this regard, as well as seeking opportunities for the county from new funding programmes such as the Young Futures Programme.

I would like to thank the panel for the positive and constructive response to the Annual Report and I look forward to working with you, over the coming year.

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Danielle Stone

Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire