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To: Police and Crime Commissioners in Wales

Police Forces in Wales

Copies to: Chief Finance Officers of Police and Crime Commissioners, Wales Chief Constables of Police Forces in Wales Chief Finance Officers of Police Forces in Wales

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Dear Commissioners,

Final Police Settlement 2022-23

This is to inform you of the Welsh Government's component of the Final Police Settlement for police forces in Wales for 2022-23, subject to approval by Senedd Cymru.

The Home Office has confirmed that all Welsh police forces will receive an increase of 5.9% in core funding in 2022-23, before the adjustment made for the transfer of Special Branch funding, compared with the current year. The Welsh Government contribution to the Settlement for Wales is £113.47 million. Funding for Special Branch has been transferred out of the Main Police Grant to the Counter-Terrorism Policing Grant, in line with 2021-22 budget. As the total amount being transferred is based on forces' 2021-22 budget and will remain at that for 2022-23, the transfer will have a zero net impact for police forces.

Annex A contains details of the Final Settlement for each police force in Wales. The allocations for individual forces are unchanged from the Provisional Police Settlement.

The Local Government Finance Report (No.2) 2022-23 (Final Settlement – Police and Crime Commissioners) published today is scheduled for debate in the Senedd on 15 February 2022.

If you have any queries regarding this letter, please contact the Local Government Finance Policy and Sustainability Division via LGFPSettlement@gov.wales.

Yours sincerely

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Annex A: Final Police Settlement for Wales, 2022-23

Table 1a: Standard Spending Assessments (£ million) 1

Police Force	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Dyfed-Powys	35.860	36.618	37.049	37.492	33.904
Gwent	53.462	54.593	55.236	55.896	50.547
North Wales	51.654	52.743	53.377	54.012	48.845
South Wales	124.630	127.269	128.757	130.295	117.826
Total	265.606	271.223	274.419	277.694	251.122

Table 1b: Aggregate External Finance (Revenue Support Grant plus National Non Domestic Rates) (£ million) ¹

Police Force	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Dyfed-Powys	13.101	13.355	13.150	13.030	8.667
Gwent	31.083	31.701	31.790	31.857	25.939
North Wales	22.122	22.496	22.614	22.523	16.513
South Wales	74.594	75.848	75.845	75.989	62.352
Total	140.900	143.400	143.400	143.400	113.470

Table 1c: Police Grant and Floor Funding (£ million) 1, 2, 3

Police Force	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Dyfed-Powys	36.212	36.993	40.967	44.497	52.272
Gwent	40.404	41.287	46.660	51.539	62.401
North Wales	49.606	50.738	56.101	61.153	72.125
South Wales	82.812	84.864	96.895	107.639	132.165
Total	209.034	213.882	240.622	264.828	318.964

Table 1d: Total Central Support (£ million) ³

Police Force	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Dyfed-Powys	49.313	50.348	54.116	57.528	60.939
Gwent	71.487	72.988	78.451	83.396	88.341
North Wales	71.728	73.234	78.715	83.677	88.638
South Wales	157.407	160.712	172.740	183.629	194.517
Total	349.934	357.282	384.022	408.228	432.434

Table 1e: Change in Total Central Support since the previous year (percent) ³

Police Force	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Dyfed-Powys	0.0	2.1	7.5	6.3	5.9
Gwent	0.0	2.1	7.5	6.3	5.9
North Wales	0.0	2.1	7.5	6.3	5.9
South Wales	0.0	2.1	7.5	6.3	5.9
Total	0.0	2.1	7.5	6.3	5.9

Notes:

1. Since the 2015 Comprehensive Spending Review, the Home Office has made an annual transfer of funding to the Welsh Government in order for the Welsh Government to deliver its agreed contribution to police funding in Wales. From 2022-23 onwards, this additional funding will no longer be transferred and will, instead, be delivered by the Home Office through the Police Grant and Top Up Grant. This will result in the Welsh Government

contribution to policing reducing by £29.93m. This is purely an administrative change and will not result in any change in overall funding for any Police Force.

- 2. This is the amount of police grant set out in section 3 of the Police Grant Report which includes the allocation under 'Principal Formula' and 'Add Rule 1' (columns a and b) plus the amount 'floor funding' that the Home Office has made available.
- 3. Figures for 2022-23 are shown before the adjustment made for the transfer of Special Branch funding, as outlined in paragraph 4.8 of the Police Grant Report.