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Dear Mr Chaffey

re: Restructuring of Constabulary

The Council's Community Safety Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet have now considered this issue. Members expressed disappointment at the poor consultation process, having received no direct contact or details from the Home Office, and Members considered that the timescales given were unrealistic if they were to give this important matter the consideration its deserved. Policing and community safety issues are very high on the agenda in the community and with elected representatives.

Having regard to the importance of the issue, Members were of the view that a Royal Commission should be established to look at policing throughout the United Kingdom and in particular, to look at the possibility of a two level policing arrangement. One UK wide force to be responsible for issues of national importance, with a secondary tier providing local policing which could be based upon unitary authority areas in Wales having local accountability. This type of policing model appears to be in operation in other areas within the European Community.

Councillors were particularly concerned to ensure that local accountability was retained in North Wales for the body responsible for delivering the policing services for the area. In particular, they noted that currently the Police Authority is composed of 17 representatives which makes equitable representation through the area difficult under the current arrangement, and if retained, would again be likely to cause problems under any new arrangement.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive

