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Dear Dr Billings

## RE: PCC'S DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23

On behalf of the Police and Crime Panel I would like to thank you and your colleagues for your attendance at the Panel's meeting on Monday 17 July 2023 to present and discuss your Annual Report for 2022/23.

In accordance with Part 1, Chapter 4, paragraph 28 (4) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, I write to formally report that the Panel have considered and noted the contents of your Annual Report 2022/23. As is customary practice, a copy of this letter will be published on the Panel's website.

The following issues were raised specifically in relation to the draft report at the meeting (taken from the draft minutes):

## 10 PCC's Draft Annual Report 2022/23

The PCC introduced his draft Annual Report for the municipal year 2022/23. He informed the Panel that this would be the last introduction he would write as PCC, due his current term of office ending in May 2024 and due to him not seeking reelection.

The PCC said that he was therefore in a unique position to not only look back at just one year, but also over almost ten years since he was first elected as PCC in 2014.

For the benefit of new Panel Members, the PCC provided an overview of the remarkable journey that South Yorkshire Police had been on since 2014 to 2022.

The Panel noted that, in 2022/23 the PCC had kept the same three overarching priorities for the Police and Crime Plan, and these would remain in place for the rest of his term. The PCC had asked the Force to concentrate on:

- Protecting vulnerable people
- Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour

Treating people fairly

Members were asked to provide the PCC with the Panel's report (or recommendations) on the Annual Report by 28 July 2023.

J Griffin thanked the PCC for his report and asked if the use of language around references to Women and Girls on page 3 of the report could be changed as follows:

- Phrases that show belonging and ownership by the Women and Girls, for example, 'with' or 'alongside' and not 'to Women and Girls'.
- References to Women and Girls as 'females' should not be used. For example, on the second paragraph, second sentence starting 'The recruitment process' mentions 'a greater percentage of females'. The wording should be changed to 'female candidates' and not simply 'females'.

Referring to the 'Protecting Vulnerable People' section of the report (page 11, bullet point 4), J Griffin asked the PCC to consider changing the use of the word 'only' in 'only reported during 2022', which she felt places the blame on the victim. It was suggested that wording be replaced with 'felt able to report' or 'were enabled to report'.

The Commissioner thanked J Griffin for the comments, which he felt could be accepted without any difficulty.

RESOLVED – That Members of the Police and Crime Panel:-

- i) Received and commented on the PCC's draft Annual Report, attached at Appendix A.
- ii) Noted the fact that there was a minority of data still to be confirmed once final data is published by the Office for National Statistics on 20 July 2023 (currently highlighted in red text in the draft report).
- iii) Noted that the report is a narrative only draft. The format would be changed in the final published version to more engaging public facing style.
- iv) Agreed to provide the PCC with the Panel's response report (or recommendations) on the Annual Report by 28 July 2023.

On behalf of the Panel, I would like to thank you for sharing your report with us and for giving an opportunity to the Panel to make comments.

Yours sincerely

Neil Wright

**Councillor Neil Wright** 

Chair - Police and Crime Panel