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*Dear Fiona,*

**Bedfordshire Police and Crime Panel -reports and recommendations in respect of:**

**Draft Police and Crime Plan 2013-2017**

**Proposed Budget and Precept for 2013/14**

Thank you for the reports and recommendations contained within the correspondence sent on 8 February 2013, following the Panel's meeting at Luton Town Hall on 5 February 2013.

Having presented my draft Police and Crime Plan and proposed budget and precept for 2013/14 and responded to questions from the Panel members I am pleased to receive the support of the Panel for both the Plan and the proposed precept increase of 2%.

For your information I can now provide the final calculations as a result of a technical issue discussed with the Department for Communities and Local Government, based upon a 2% increase in Council Tax for each of the bands, for a budget of £102.877M, is as follows:

<b>Band</b>	<b>Council Tax</b>
A	102.33
B	119.38
C	136.44
D	153.49
E	187.60
F	221.71
G	255.82
H	306.98

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This has been incorporated into the final information provided to the three unitary councils and is consistent with the key messages I set out in the Police and Crime Plan and the revenue budget the Panel considered.

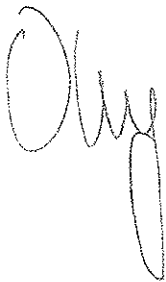
Having considered your reports and the recommendations contained within them I can confirm my intention to report back to the Panel with more details and specific objectives for years 2 to 5 of my Police and Crime Plan within the next year.

I will also incorporate into the Plan the police performance objectives by which I will hold the Chief Constable to account for delivery against the Plan once I have concluded discussions with the Chief Constable, as well as further details being added to other sections of the Plan as set out in my original report.

I will ensure you receive a final version of the Plan for the Panel's consideration which I will send to the Panel members via Bedford Borough Council's, as hosting authority, Members' Services.

I would like to express my thanks to the Panel for the support it has given me which will enable me to focus on building a safer Bedfordshire for all our communities.

Best wishes

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