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Dear Chief Executive

Community Safety Fund Allocations 2017/18

I have consulted widely in recently months on how best to use my community safety fund. Survey responses from local authorities and other partners indicated almost equal support for the status quo (i.e. continue to give the whole fund to local authorities) and a top-slice model, whereby a percentage of the overall fund is retained within this office to facilitate direct commissioning of services and/or grant allocations.

I value the input of local CSPs and other service providers (e.g. YOTS) but would also like the ability commission some services directly. As such, I have decided to allocate 90% of the overall fund to local authorities but will retain 10% for personal allocation and/or commissioning.

As in previous years the overall budget will be reduced in-line with the reduction in Home Office core grant allocations. This information is expected in mid December so I will again in early January to notify you of your individual grant allocation for 2017/18. We will aim to provide the grant conditions and monitoring arrangements at the same time.

I include information on community safety fund expenditure in both the Statement of Accounts and my Annual Report. Next year i.e. May 2017 we plan to publish draft versions of both documents in May, which means that early provision of year-end financial and performance monitoring information is absolutely critical to meeting these deadlines. My staff will contact you nearer the time with the deadlines we will be working towards. I look forward to your co-operation in this matter.

Finally, whilst I have implemented an across the board reduction in grant allocations for 2017/18, due to the 10% top-slice for PCC commissioning, I intend to review and, if necessary, update the formula allocation model next year before 2018/19 grant allocations are announced.

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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