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Dear Councillor McElroy

Thank you for your letter dated 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017 on behalf of the Police and Crime Panel for Northumbria following the meeting of the Panel on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

I welcome the Panel's agreement to the proposed increase in the precept, and I can confirm that in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Act 1992, I intend to formally request the local authorities in the Northumbria area to issue, in respect of the year beginning 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 as part of the Council Tax for their area, an increase charge of £5 for a Band D property.

Please convey my thanks to the members of the panel for their contribution to this process.

Yours sincerely

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