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To: Jennifer Marlborough <secretary@lhnc.org.uk>

Subject: Re: Letter re CEC pays £2.6 million for additional policing to Police Scotland 6/4/18

I acknowledge receipt of this email. I don't know what happened to the original but I don't remember seeing it. The first thing to say is that the money is for Community Policing rather than additional policing. The amount was agreed by Councillors (including Cllr Monroe) at the budget meeting in February. This cannot now be changed. For My own part however I have been engaged in a complete renegotiation of what the money is spent on. Key aspects of this agreement address some of your questions.

In answer to your request for evidence the money will now paid in arrears and quarterly. As part of the new agreement the definition of 'Community Policing ' will be clearly spelt out . The 53 police officers which we pay for will be available for other duties but we (the Council) will not pay for this this will inevitably lead to a reduction in the amount paid but at this stage I have no way of knowing what that will be. Full details of this will be available in a quarterly report to the Culture and Communities Committee which I chair. This will be available on the Council website and also you can watch the Committee on webcam.

Obviously you are right to highlight the discrepancy between the contributions of other local authorities and Edinburgh but the task of my Committee has been to demonstrate the additionality through the agreement and I believe we have done that. None of this should be confused with normal policing which remains the responsibility of Police Scotland. The Council agreement is solely to provide Community policing in local areas.

As a result of this agreement we will have much better evidence on which to base a decision on whether to continue this funding next year.

I hope this answers your questions.

Donald Wilson