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Dear Tre,

I am very grateful to the Police and Crime Panel for convening a confirmation hearing on 23 September 2016 and particularly for members' support in endorsing my appointment of Councillor Kirk Master as Deputy Commissioner.

It was good that there was such a full and frank discussion and the Panel whilst debating Cllr Master's appointment. That clearly demonstrates the Police and Crime Panel is rightly fulfilling its obligations in holding me and my decisions to account.

I note the Panel's recommendations regarding his appointment and want to assure you of my commitment to ensure that this arrangement works for the benefit of the people of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

As Commissioner I will meet regularly with Cllr Master and there will be continuing dialogue between the two of us with regard to any potential conflict of interest due to his other public service roles and demands upon his time.

The Panel can also have confidence that as Deputy Commissioner, Cllr Master will be expanding his knowledge and understanding of the issues of the whole force area, including Leicestershire and Rutland.

Regarding your recommendation to review any potential conflict of interest with Cllr Master's continuing role as Assistant Mayor and his capacity to balance both roles, I fully intend to review Cllr Master's appointment at the six month stage and I will report back to the Panel on these issues following that review.

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Please be assured that both Cllr Master and I will always be mindful of the appropriate distinction between the roles and responsibilities of the Chief Constable and Police and Crime Commissioner.

Finally, I will of course also plan to keep the Panel informed of any other appointments that I make. I am grateful for the Panel's thorough scrutiny of these matters.

**Lord Willy Bach** 

Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire

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