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Your ref:

Dear Paul

Police and Crime Panel - 30th January 2013

I am writing to inform you that the County Council has asked for an item to be included on the agenda for the meeting of the Police and Crime Panel on 30th January as follows:

- To ask the Police and Crime Commissioner to explain his approach to the commissioning of services currently provided or supported by partners.

and that the Chairman of the Panel has agreed to the County Council's request.

Since the Police and Crime Plan has not yet been made available in any form to partners, it is not known what the Plan will say about commissioning but the County Council is particularly interested in knowing:

- What assurances the Commissioner can provide that he and his office properly understand the complexities of the commissioning and procurement processes, and of the decommissioning of services, and have relevant managerial experience?
- Why the Commissioner has apparently chosen to introduce a new commissioning process halfway through a financial year, which is not a sound basis for financial planning, and without any effective consultation with partners?
- What understanding the Commissioner and his office have of those services provided by partners for which Government grant is now awarded to him and if they believe that understanding has been adequately tested with partners?

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- How the Commissioner and his office intend to improve their approach to partnership working given what the County Council regards as an extremely disappointing start, particularly when agreements made at the only meeting to date of the Strategic Partnership Board have not been kept or implemented.

No doubt you will wish to advise the Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Lewis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and a distinct 'L'.