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Rt Hon Amber Rudd MP, Home Secretary

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Dear Home Secretary

Re: HMIC PEEL: Police Legitimacy 2016

I welcome the publication of the report issued by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary - entitled *PEEL: Police Legitimacy 2016* - in which Leicestershire Police has been graded 'good' across two of the three areas.

The HMI's assessment that Leicestershire is good at keeping people safe and reducing crime is one that I know the people of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland will be reassured to hear.

I am also heartened to see the force continues to treat the public, its officers and staff with fairness and respect, an approach which I find wholly consistent with my own view of Leicestershire Police since becoming Commissioner last year.

I note the inspectors have not identified any areas of concern, nor made any recommendations for improvements, however they do point out that the force does need to do more to ensure its workforce behaves ethically and lawfully.

Integrity is fundamental to ensuring the public have confidence in the police and I know that Leicestershire treats this issue very seriously. I believe the Chief Constable and his leadership team fully understand the importance of the force doing whatever it can to ensure its officers and staff are above reproach.

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I know that work is already underway to address these points and it's important to me, and the public, that I support the force in its progress. I will continue to play my part in both supporting the Chief and holding him to account to ensure Leicestershire improves in this area.

Whilst not being graded, I am also pleased to see HMIC believe Leicestershire has effective leadership - HMIC PEEL: Police Leadership 2016

The two reports highlight the ongoing efforts made by Leicestershire to ensure the force gives the very best service to the people it serves.

Yours sincerely,
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Lord Willy Bach
Police and Crime Commissioner