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To: The Home Secretary
Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary

Dear Home Secretary and HMIC

Response from David Munro, Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey to the HMIC report 'PEEL: Police Legitimacy 2016'

I welcome this report into the legitimacy of Surrey Police from HMIC. Of all the PEEL strands it is of the highest importance that the police service have high standards and treat the public well. I am pleased that Surrey Police has sustained their efforts over the last year in ensuring the legitimacy with which it keeps people safe and reduces crime and with the assessment that Surrey Police treats people fairly and ethically and that it has maintained its overall 'good' rating in the HMIC's Legitimacy strand.

It is my role on behalf of the county's residents to make sure that the police have the trust and faith of the communities they serve. So I am particularly heartened the HMIC found the Force understood the importance of communicating with groups who may have less trust in the police and that its workforce behaves ethically and lawfully.

I am equally pleased to see both the investment in staff wellbeing and the good approach to corruption also being recognised in the HMIC report. Having a well-cared for workforce is key to their continued high standards in dealing with the public.

Whilst there are a great deal of positive comments in this assessment, there is always more for us to do. In the areas identified by HMIC for improvement, I will be working with Surrey Police to see what more needs to be done on clarifying standards of behavior and understanding the workforce wellbeing needs and will support the Chief Constable where I can to help achieve these improvements.

Yours sincerely,

David Munro
Police and Crime Commissioner
