

Rt. Hon Mike Penning MP
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Dear Mike

We note from Monday's session in the Commons that you have decided to delay incorporating changes to the formula and that there will consequently be a status quo for the next financial year.

Whilst we never advocated a delay in the process, just full transparency and engagement, we understand why you took the decision to pause and we remain keen to work positively with you on the formula. As you rightly stated, we all want a formula which is fair and robust and we remain committed to reaching this end for the benefit of our communities.

I'm sure you will agree that we must learn from the experience of the last two years. Deferral must allow us to take stock rather than starting over from scratch and PCCs and Treasurers remain at hand to advise and assist as we have been since taking office.

Proper engagement with the service might be better than handing it over to an independent body. However it seems sensible to consider third party oversight by the National Audit Office (NAO) or the Chartered Institute for Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA).

We would also welcome consideration of a Home Office Chaired working party including PCCs, Chiefs and Treasurers and updates provided by the Home Office at APCC General Meetings.

In general PCCs would welcome reassurance from you and some clarity in how you wish to move forward. As stated in my previous correspondence to you and the Home Secretary over the past couple of months we would welcome a meeting to discuss these issues and others relating to funding the service.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards



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