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I am writing to thank you for the work you have already done in advising Home Office Ministers of the ongoing financial situation with regards to the funding of Warwickshire Police. Either the Chief Constable or myself, or both, have briefed you on the specific pressures and the consequences of not receiving any further funding.

I think it is now time, if you could discuss the situation with Treasury Ministers, over the next few days before the budget is announced on 22nd November 2017. Just to remind you, if no further funding comes forward either from the Home Office grant or the ability to charge in excess of 1.99% increase in Council Tax, Warwickshire Police Force is likely to be reduced by about 200 people in the period up to 20/20.

This will equate to approximately 70 Police Officers and 130 PCSOs/staff.

With the recent increase in reported crime and the changing nature of offences the Force is already under considerable pressure in providing a service to our residents. It is my wish that we provide the best service possible in both detecting and preventing crime and, with help from our partners around the County and a well funded Police Force, the task will be that much easier.

Any feedback on discussions in Westminster would be helpful and if you have any further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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