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Dear Home Secretary

**HMIC Inspection – ‘The Strategic Policing Requirement’**

Further to the publication of the HMIC report into the arrangements that police forces have in place to meet the Strategic Policing Requirement (SPR).

As Police and Crime Commissioner I am aware of my own duties and responsibilities with regard to the SPR and this is reflected as one of the key priorities within my Police and Crime Plan.

I am also reassured that Dorset Police take their responsibilities seriously and work hard at a local, regional and national level to ensure that they make their contribution towards the wider national policing effort. This is highlighted by the regularity in which Dorset officers are praised by their colleagues in other force areas for their contribution at times of need, a good example being during the August 2011 riots.

As a key priority within my Plan I will continue to hold the Chief Constable to account for delivery during these challenging times of balancing local, regional and national need with reduced resources. One area I am particularly keen to focus on is the emerging and growing cyber-crime threat and, whilst my immediate concern is with the impact of cyber-crime on the communities of Dorset, I particularly look forward to receiving the findings of the in-depth examination of how well the police service are meeting the SPR requirements in relation to a large-scale cyber incident that HMIC will be publishing later this year.

Yours sincerely



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