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Dear Laura/ Police and Crime Panel

Thank you for your letter dated 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

An important part of my role as Bedfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner is to ensure that Bedfordshire Police has the resources it needs to keep our communities safer, following consultation with residents and our Chief Constable.

Residents want to see more visible, proactive community policing. They want to see more enforcement activity against those who pose a significant threat to life and property, and they want to be sure that the Chief Constable is doing everything possible to maintain standards in policing.

I am pleased that the Panel supported my proposal to increase the police precept element of local Council Tax by 28 pence a week, or £15 a year for the average Band D property. My focus now is on ensuring the Chief Constable delivers on these funded commitments in delivering on the public's policing priorities.

Yours sincerely

**Festus Akinbusoye**  
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