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USE OF THE BASIC COMMAND UNIT FUND 2010/11

I am pleased to confirm that the Basic Command Unit Fund will continue in 2010/11. It will continue to use the same funding formula as in 2009/10, which means authorities will receive the same sum of money in 2010/11 as they were due to receive in 2009/10.

You will know that since the publication of last year's Policing Green Paper we have been considering how this important resource can best support the emphasis on partnership working and stronger local engagement to deliver for the public. I have now decided that the focus for the fund in 2010/11 should take account of a particular priority for us all: providing direct support for work at local level to increase public confidence that the police and local councils are dealing with the anti-social behaviour and crime issues that matter locally.

Although work to deliver increases in public confidence is now well established in all forces, the trajectory for achieving the confidence target will become steeper over the next financial year. I therefore consider it timely that we focus the BCU Fund to assist activities that will contribute to the achievement of this target. You will be receiving guidance in the early autumn about the refocused Fund.

For detailed queries on the BCU Fund, please contact Victoria Latham on (020) 7035 1303.

I am copying this letter to Sir Paul Stephenson, Chief Constables, Ian Johnston (Police Superintendents Association), Paul McKeever (Police Federation), Keith Mannings (APA) and Helen Murray (LGA).

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