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Dear Richard

Council Tax Support Scheme 2024/25

Thank you for your letter of 1st September 2023 in which you invite comment on South Kesteven District Council's proposed Council Tax Support Scheme for 2024/25.

The Police & Crime Commissioner is supportive of proposals that ensure consistency of the approach both within the Local Council Tax Support Scheme (LCTSS) and between the LCTSS and the Housing Benefit Scheme. Consistency of approach is beneficial to the recipients of LCTS and is also more efficient. For similar reasons, the proposal to limit the regularity of reviews as a result of income changes is supported.

The Special Constabulary Council Tax Discount Scheme was created to recognise the unique role of Special Constable in carrying the warranted powers that place them in harms way in servicing our communities. Whilst not unsupportive of the Council wishing similarly to recognise VPCSOs, who provide a valuable service to our communities, this was not in the original scope of the Special Constabulary Council Tax Discount Scheme. As such, extension of the Scheme may raise concerns for other Councils regarding 'mission creep' and therefore discourage adoption of the Scheme for Specials.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Finance Officer