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Dear Chair

## Policing Preparations for the UK's exit from the E.U. ('BREXIT')

I am writing to update you on a number of matters relating to Police Scotland's preparations for the UK's planned exit from the E.U. on the 31st October 2019.

- 1. 'Brexit' related costs The overall costs, to Police Scotland, of the additional resources required to deliver on the 5 Strategic Objectives set out in previous correspondence, now sits at just over £5 million.
- 2. Force Reserve It had been our intention to stand-up the Force Reserve in September this year, to allow for sufficient operational planning and partner preparation in advance of the 31st October. However, our operational assessment is that - in light of the demands on Police Scotland in August, and to ensure that we can deliver effectively on our Strategic Objectives set for 'BREXIT' (for ease of reference, attached again at Appendix A) - it is appropriate to have that Reserve available from early August. This earlier deployment of the Force Reserve will give Police Scotland significant flexibility during the very busy operational month of August, and will minimise further abstractions from local policing teams in Divisions.

There will be a significant amount of work associated with this stand-up, reflecting the learning from the previous Force Reserve stand-up and associated partner/multi-agency coordination arrangements.





Should it be required, I can arrange a more detailed briefing on these plans and arrangements at a time convenient to the Scottish Police Authority.

Yours sincerely

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