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## BACK ON THE BEAT IN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Over the coming weeks, we will be setting the foundations for a major new focus on local policing in Northamptonshire.

The number of neighbourhood police constables across rural and urban communities will be doubled, growing from 50 to 100 over the next 18 months, with still further increases planned.

Neighbourhood policing will be at the heart of our fight against crime: we will be providing visible, locally accountable policing to tackle the problems that matter to people.

This new focus has been made possible by the increased number of police officers in the Force. Northamptonshire Police now has 1367 police officers compared with 1170 four years ago. This means that we can now strengthen our neighbourhood teams without taking resources from emergency response or other specialist areas of crime fighting.

As our plans develop, we will make sure that every neighbourhood has a dedicated, named local team so that Northamptonshire Police is truly a Force that listens, anticipates and solves problems at the earliest opportunity.

We know that this level of connection is what the public wants and deserves.

We are also investing in two mobile police stations to give more visible and accessible local policing in our more remote and rural communities.

Our neighbourhood areas will align to the new local authority boundaries to ensure ever closer collaboration with partners to keep local communities safe.

Yours sincerely,

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