

Dear

I refer to your letter dated 23<sup>rd</sup> November which I received today, 30<sup>th</sup> November. It was franked on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November when I am led to believe it was posted. I have been away.

Given the reaction of the public to my retirement and many, many requests I have received to fulfil commitments to them, I have had to readjust my plans and therefore will not be leaving until 26<sup>th</sup> January. I will, however, take annual leave during this period as I would have done normally and as I indicated to the PCC last week, DCC Beckley will act as Chief Constable in my absence during those annual leave periods. I do this as I too need to give clarity regarding who is the Chief Constable.

There are other issues mentioned in your letter which are concerning and which I am considering separately.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Constable