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Dear Committee Chairs

First of all, thank you for your ongoing support to the Constabulary and your vision of stronger partnership working within your communities.

The Police and Crime Commissioner has passed me your letter regarding your concerns around the ability to provide data.

I can confirm that we have faced some significant challenges following implementation of a new IT system in May 2018. This has created issues with the way in which detailed data is shared with the Community Safety Partnerships.

However, at a Neighbourhood Level, I am pleased to say that the Police.uk situation has improved and is reliable. This now allows for swift access to local crime and anti-social behaviour data at street level. This can display crimes on a map as well as in chart format (along with trend lines). I have sent a link using Cambridge North as an example.

https://www.police.uk/cambridgeshire/CamCity_North_City

The three most important sections are:

- Overview
- Crime Map
- View detailed statistics

This is a good overview of issues within your local areas.

When Police attendance at Area Committees began (I think it was about 2006), we used to provide analytical reports. At the time, self-service was not available. This was extremely time consuming and we employed dedicated staff to do this.

However, since austerity, we have been forced to make significant savings. Although we are one of the few forces in the Country to protect the front-line, we have had to make a large number of redundancies of our analysts and researchers. If we were to provide a more comprehensive report for the Area Committees this would be produced by Police Officers or PCSOs. Whilst writing these reports they would not be out on the beat in their local communities. This is not something that I support.

If you or other councillors would like some assistance with how to make the use of the Police.uk data, Inspector Paul Rogerson will be happy to present to you or fellow councillors.

Yours sincerely



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