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Dear Hugh

RE: Reasons for moving Urgent Motion

I am writing to you to provide the reasons for moving the 'urgent Motion to Stop the Mayor of London putting our residents at risk' that the Labour Group has tabled today ahead of the meeting of Full Council.

On the 29th September the Metropolitan Police's Management Board will consider proposals to scrap neighbourhood PCSOs altogether, resulting in a loss of over 1,000 officers if approved. The reason for raising this urgent motion is to put pressure on the Metropolitan Police to not make these cuts, therefore the motion has to be tabled at the Full Council meeting, before the decision has been made.

The reason that this motion has to be tabled as urgent is that the full details of what will be discussed at the Metropolitan Police's Management Board have only come to light at the end of last week, after the deadline for submitting motions have passed.

This decision by the Metropolitan Police is also being undertaken without formal consultation or engagement with the communities of London; changes which will mean that the public's day to day access to policing services will be greatly reduced. An urgent motion is needed to ensure that there is at least some public debate on this important issue that is critical to the safety of our residents.

Given the seriousness of the cuts being proposed by the Metropolitan Police, the risk this poses to the safety of our residents, the lack of consultation so far, the limited time available since this proposal has been made public, and the fact that a decision on this important issue is imminent, I therefore ask that the Mayor accept this urgent motion to be tabled at the meeting of Full Council tonight.

Yours sincerely

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