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Dear Carolyn

**Re: Oldham Council Resolution – Cuts to Police Funding**

Further to your letter dated the 24 October regarding the above resolution moved at full council on the 22 October; I have raised the council's concerns with Damian Green, the Minister with responsibility for policing at the Home Office, asking him how he expects communities to cope with so few resources.

I agree it is extremely worrying that numbers are now so low that many officers are forced off the beat in order to respond to emergency calls and that crime in some areas is rising.

I will of course get back to you as soon as I receive a response.

Yours sincerely

The Rt Hon Michael Meacher MP  
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