

Message from the Chief Executive of Harrogate Borough Council

I refer to the letter of 12.6.07 from David Ford to the Government Office of Yorkshire and The Humber, which was forwarded to me by e-mail on 19.6.07. I

have consulted my colleagues and we do have one or two views which you should regard as an officer response.

It seems to me that there are a whole variety of political issues here on which we should not comment.

The proposals regarded strengthening data sharing powers for intelligence agencies are, in our view, understandable and we are supportive.

We do have a particular reservation, however, about the need to provide the police with appropriate resources to fulfil new requirements. We have seen from time to time lesser priority police work is left undone and, in particular of late, the policing of moving traffic offences has been a "casualty" and is starting to become noticeable.

Other than that, in the generality of the political response, I have copied this e-mail to the Leaders of the Groups on this Council to see if they wish to comment.

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Chief Executive

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