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**To Police Authority Chairs**

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I have been asked by some Police Authorities to consider varying the number of members of their authority.

As I am sure you will appreciate, it is not sensible to vary authority numbers very often, and as such I am today writing to all Police Authority Chairs, inviting them to formally ask me to consider varying the size of their authority should they wish.

I will consider any application from a Chair or Chief Executive, following a formal resolution of that authority, that is received by the end of this year. Any applications should set out what size the authority wishes to be, and the reasons for that.

Any decision will then be taken as a whole, after consulting APACE, the APA and other interested parties. I am copying this letter to Rob Garnham, Chair of the APA, and all Police Authority Chief Executives.

**DAVID HANSON**