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Councillor D Fitzpatrick  
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Dear Sir

I refer to your correspondence of 16 January concerning police presence within Oberon.

Regarding the period 18 – 20 December 2011 police were rostered on duty each day providing coverage for the Oberon Sector. On extremely rare occasions police are unavailable due to immediate and unforeseen issues. This occurred at Oberon on the 18 December. The other days were unaffected. Whilst this particular situation is very rare at Oberon, there always remains the ability to immediately recall staff to duty to ensure continuity of policing.

Oberon is a 4 unit Police Station with statutory positions of Lock Up Keeper and the ability to roster staff on call for immediate response. In addition staff from single unit sectors in the command are incorporated into the rostering of Oberon which provides a higher level of coverage on an ongoing basis. During the past several months additional staff have also been temporarily allocated to Oberon from elsewhere in the command to maintain staffing levels in the absence of the occupant of the Sergeant position.

Whilst I can, and have given commitments to maintaining police presence in Oberon, there are very rare occasions where unforeseen issues do arise. On those occasions risk assessments are undertaken. Be assured that wherever possible staffing levels will always be maintained at Oberon.

The Sergeant position at Oberon is now officially vacant and recruitment action is being undertaken at present.

In respect to the quality of housing at Oberon there has been no improvement to date. Capital expenditure on building assets occurs on a statewide priority basis. I can state that police housing is part of a wider focus at present.

I am always mindful of the concerns of Oberon Council and the community in respect to policing issues. I am always available to you as Mayor, to contact me directly relating to policing issues affecting the Oberon area.

Yours faithfully

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