

*These notes refer to the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c.13) which received Royal Assent on 15 September 2011*

# **POLICE REFORM AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT 2011**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **OVERVIEW**

#### **Part 1- Police Reform**

#### **Functions of Elected Local Policing Authorities**

#### ***Section 22: Minimum budget for police and crime commissioner***

118. **Section 22** ensures that the power of the Secretary of State to set a minimum budget requirement previously applicable to a police authority applies in relation to a police and crime commissioner.
119. **Subsection (3)** imposes a new limitation on the exercise of the power, in that the Secretary of State may not exercise it unless satisfied that it is necessary to do so because the budget requirement has been set at such a low level that, if implemented, the public safety of people in the police area would be put at risk.