

Police and Crime Commissioners

External briefing

The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 introduces a directly elected individual to be the Police and Crime Commissioner for a policing area.

This is the second external briefing to update members of the public on key developments in the preparations for the Police and Crime Commissioner.

5 May 2012 marked 200 days until the PCC takes office and whilst we are waiting final clarification from the Home Office on certain aspects, work continues between North Yorkshire Police Authority, North Yorkshire Police and partner agencies to ensure that the transition from the current arrangements to the Police and Crime Commissioner progresses smoothly.

Please continue to check www.nypa.gov.uk/pcc for updates or email PCCInfo@nypa.gov.uk with any queries.

Recruitment of two co-opted independent members of the North Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel

The North Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel (PCP) is seeking two committed and energetic people from North Yorkshire and York to serve as co-opted independent members from summer 2012 for a four year term.

Each force area will have a PCP to maintain a regular check and balance on the performance of the PCC. The PCC will also be required to consult with the Panel on their plans for policing, as well as the level of council tax and the appointment of a Chief Constable.

The typical commitment required from a member of the PCP is expected to average one day a month, including preparation time. Meetings will generally be held during normal office hours at varying locations throughout North Yorkshire and York. Panel members will be able to claim reasonable travelling expenses and will receive induction and other appropriate training.

The PCP wishes to reflect the breadth of communities in North Yorkshire and York and welcomes applications from all eligible people. Applications from people with experience (in a paid or unpaid role) in community safety, victim support, criminal justice and related issues will be particularly welcomed.

Further information and an application form can be downloaded from www.nypartnerships.org.uk/pcp or telephone 01609 536030 to request a copy. The closing date for applications is Friday 1 June 2012

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The facts...

- The first election for PCCs will be 15 November 2012 (future elections will be every four years in May from 2016)
- The “**Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire**” will directly replace North Yorkshire Police Authority from 22 November 2012
- PCCs will appoint the Chief Constable; who will appoint all other officers within the force
- PCCs will be required to determine local policing priorities, publish their police and crime plan, set a local precept (council tax element) and set the annual force budget in consultation with the chief constable. The plan will need to take account of national policing challenges, set out in a new 'Strategic Policing Requirement'
- The PCC will commission policing services from the chief constable (or other providers - in consultation with the Chief Constable). These services shall be set out in the plan where their objectives and funding will be publically disclosed
- The PCCs role will be greater than just police governance; the role will cover wider community safety issues with a duty to co-operate with criminal justice agencies
- PCCs will be scrutinised by a '**Police and Crime Panel**' involving local councillors and members of the public
- At the end of the financial year the PCC will publish an annual report setting out progress made against the objectives in the plan
- The PCC will publish annual financial accounts, showing how resources were used in respect of priorities and how value for money was secured
- PCCs will regularly consult and involve the public and have regard to local authority priorities
- PCCs will be able to require a report from the Chief Constable at any time about policing issues
- The “**Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire**” will receive an annual salary of £70,000

PCCs will be the “voice of the people”

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