



Candidate News

It has now been confirmed that the Police and Crime Commissioner elections will take place on Thursday 6 May 2021. To support you all, we will be sending all known candidates regular brief updates until the election to outline the current work of the office and to keep you informed of any new developments.

Working Virtually

Since March 2020 the office has primarily worked from home as per Government guidance in respect of Coronavirus. This transition was not difficult as all team members are issued with laptops and many have work mobile phones. Skype telephony enabled a seamless ability to contact the office. Support to the Commissioner has been provided through virtual platforms and with a move to working in a paperless environment, so with innovative approaches enabling the continuation of engagement and consultation there has been no disruption to business as usual.



Budget 2021-22



The 2021/22 revenue budget has been set at £212.6m. This is funded by Home Office grants of £130.8m (61.5%) and precept of £81.8m (38.5%). The approved Band D precept for the year is £248.23, an increase of £15.00 (6.43%) from 2020/21.

Approximately £206.9m (97.3%) of the approved budget is available to the Chief Constable to deliver policing services across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. The balance of £5.7m (2.7%) is allocated to the Office of Police and Crime

Commissioner to support the office and commissioning intentions.

The budget includes a £0.5m efficiency savings target, along with £4.5m of investments for 50 additional police officers and digital transformation and infrastructure initiatives. The costs and grant funding relating to year two of the National Police Officer Uplift Programme are also included and will deliver a further 88 officers during 2021/22. Officer numbers will therefore increase from 2,104 full time equivalents at March 2021 to 2,242 by March 2022.

The approved capital programme for 2021/22 is £8.5m and includes investments in information technology, estate and vehicle fleet.

You can read the full Report [here](#).

Virtual Workshops



PCC candidates are invited to attend a number of virtual workshops being prepared by the Police and Crime Commissioner's office. These workshops will explain the different aspects of business undertaken by the office and provide the opportunity to meet team members and understand the roles they undertake.

A further workshop will also take place for partners and providers to outline their contribution towards delivery of the Police and Crime Plan and demonstrate the breadth and variety of relationships in place. Each workshop will last for a maximum of two hours and candidates will have the opportunity to ask questions during each session.

- 18 March 2021 – Strategy & Commissioning Team 10-12 noon
- 23 March 2021 – Partnerships & Engagement Team 10-12 noon
- 14 April 2021 – Executive Team 2.00 – 4.00 pm
- 22 April 2021 – Violence Reduction Network 12 noon – 2.00 pm
- 28 April 2021 – Partners and Providers 10-12 noon

Further details of how to log into these sessions will be provided nearer the time.

Meeting with the Chief Executive

There is an invitation to all candidates to meet with Paul Hindson, Chief Executive prior to the election date. These meetings would be on a one-to-one basis. Mr Hindson will be able to update you on current developments as well as answer any questions you may have. If you would like to take up this offer please email abbey.dearden@leics.pcc.pnn.gov.uk to arrange.



Briefing from the Chief Constable

Chief Constable Simon Cole and the chief officer team would like to invite candidates to an operational briefing on Monday 1st March from 12-2pm.

The team will update candidates on how policing has responded to policing the Coronavirus pandemic while maintaining normal operational delivery. You will be updated on the implementation the new target operating model in March 2020 and the effects that has had on force performance since. The briefing will also inform candidates on the strategic challenges we face up to 2025 and how we plan to address them together.

The intention is that the briefings will be held virtually due to current restrictions but the team will make contact with each candidate to arrange final details and availability in due course.

Further Information

You can find a wealth of useful information on the [Election](#) micro-site which is constantly being updated. The Government's May 2021 Polls [Delivery Plan](#) can be downloaded here.