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**Vote for your
Sussex
Police & Crime
Commissioner**

**15 November
2012**



On 15 November 2012, you will have the chance to go to the polls to elect a Police and Crime Commissioner for the police area you live in.

The Police and Crime Commissioner will be responsible for overseeing policing and community safety in their area on behalf of local residents.

The Police and Crime Commissioner will:

- Hold the Chief Constable to account for the performance of the police
- Set the police budget, the police share of council tax and the local 'Police and Crime Plan' which sets out the overall strategy for policing and crime reduction in the area
- Hire and – if necessary – fire the Chief Constable
- Be elected by the public for four-year terms of office
- Be scrutinised by a 'Police and Crime Panel' involving local Councillors and members of the public
- Work in partnership with other agencies and the wider criminal justice system to help cut crime

Police and Crime Commissioners are replacing Police Authorities, the groups of Councillors and independent members of the public that currently oversee police forces in England & Wales.

What does it mean for me?

The Police and Crime Commissioner will be there to make sure that the police are doing a good job and tackling the issues that matter to you. This election is an important opportunity to have your say in policing where you live.

In the months leading up to the election date, potential candidates for the role will be coming forward, putting together their plans for the job and campaigning for your vote.

Find out more

The Home Office offers more information about Police and Crime Commissioners on its website: www.homeoffice.gov.uk

You can also contact your local Police Authority for information about transition preparations they are making for the Police and Crime Commissioner in your area:

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