

To: All declared candidates for the role of Police & Crime Commissioner for Cleveland

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Safer Stockton Partnership
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Dear [Candidate]

Safer Stockton Partnership

As you will probably be aware, the Safer Stockton Partnership is the Community Safety Partnership for the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees. As the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act has been passing through Parliament, we have been considering how we can most effectively work with the Commissioner when elected, and we have agreed to invite the Commissioner to join our Partnership, either as a full voting member, or as an observer, as preferred. We see this as a way of maintaining a degree of continuity with the previous representation of Cleveland Police Authority on the Partnership, and of ensuring that effective dialogue is in place between the Commissioner and our Partnership, in the interests of delivering the best possible outcomes for everybody who lives in, works in or visits Stockton-on-Tees.

Over the last seven years (2003/04 to 2010/11) the crime rate in Stockton-on-Tees has been reduced by 49%, compared to 43% for the Cleveland Force area overall and the North East region as a whole, and 34% for England & Wales. Our priorities for the period April 2011 to March 2014, based on public consultation, are set out in our Community Safety Plan, with the headline issues being:

- Anti Social Behaviour
- Alcohol related Offending
- Violent Crime
- Drug related Offending
- Criminal Damage
- Emerging Issues (including Other Theft, mainly shoplifting and metal theft)

Further details of our work can be found at www.saferstockton.com. Clearly it will be challenging to maintain the performance in the context of budget reductions for all the key partner agencies, and the abolition of the Primary Care Trust from April 2013.

We would be very interested to hear your views on the relationship between the Commissioner and our Partnership, and we would be grateful if you would outline these in a brief response to this letter.

Yours sincerely

Geoff Lee
Chair