



# Role of the Police and Crime Commissioner

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## My Crime Plan for Cleveland

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- Retain and develop neighbourhood policing
- Ensure a better deal for victims and witnesses
- Divert people from offending, with a focus on rehabilitation and the prevention of reoffending
- Develop better coordination, communication and partnership between agencies to make the best use of resources
- Work for better industrial and community relations



# PCC Responsibilities

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- Secure the maintenance of an efficient and effective police force for the area
- Set police precept, budget – with agreement from Police and Crime Panel – and hold the Police Fund
- Produce a Police and Crime Plan, in consultation with the Chief Constable. Plan must have regard to (national) Strategic Policing Requirement and local views (and partner priorities)
- Appoint the Chief Constable
- May call upon the Chief Constable to retire or resign
- Must hold the Chief Constable to account for the functions of the Chief Constable and those under his/her direction and control



# In Touch With Local People

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- PCC must make arrangements for obtaining:
  - The views of local people
  - The co-operation of local people with the police in preventing crime and antisocial behaviour
  - The views of victims of crime
- “Your Force Your Voice” – visiting all 82 Cleveland wards over 2013 to hear local concerns



## Police and Crime Panel

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- Made up of 12 councillors plus two independent members
- Police & Crime Plan (review draft & make recommendations)
- Receive annual report (hold public meeting) & make recommendations
- General overview & scrutiny of PCC decisions/actions
- Appointment of Chief Constable (approval & veto)
- Precept (approval & veto)
- Appointment of senior staff (Chief Executive, Chief Finance Officer & Deputy Commissioner) – review & make recommendations
- Deals with complaints against the PCC



# Police and Crime Plan

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- PCC must issue the Plan within the year appointed to cover whole PCC term (4 years).
- To include specified information
- Must have regard to strategic policing requirement (national/regional type stuff) and national guidance
- Consult with Chief Constable & Police and Crime Panel
- Obtain the views of local people (& victims)