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MY PCC**

# CANDIDATES FOR THE MERSEYSIDE POLICE FORCE AREA

On 5th May, you will be able to vote for  
your police and crime commissioner.

Find out who your local candidates are  
and how to vote.

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## About police and crime commissioners

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**On 5th May, you will be able to vote for your police and crime commissioner (PCC). The job of the PCC is to oversee the police and ensure that they are prioritising what matters to you. Elections will be taking place in England and Wales, excluding London and Greater Manchester.**

Police and crime commissioners are elected by you to ensure the policing needs of your community are met as effectively as possible and to oversee how crime is tackled in your area.

40 PCCs will be elected across England and Wales (excluding London and Greater Manchester). The PCC in your area holds your police force to account for delivering the kind of policing you want to see. Their aim will be to cut crime and to ensure your police force is effective. PCCs bring a public voice to policing and they do this by:

- engaging with the public and victims of crime to help set police and crime plans;
- ensuring the police force budget is spent where it matters most; and
- appointing, and where necessary dismissing, the chief constable.

### Work with others

PCCs also work with your council and other organisations to promote and enable joined up working on community safety and criminal justice.

The PCC does not 'run' the police force. Chief constables are responsible for the day to day operations of the police, but they are accountable to the public via the police and crime commissioner.

PCCs ensure an effective policing contribution alongside other partners to national arrangements to protect the public from other cross-boundary threats.

### Represent the entire community

PCCs are required to swear an oath of impartiality when they are elected to office. The oath is designed so that PCCs can set out publicly their commitment to tackling their role with integrity. It reflects the commitment police officers make to serve every member of the public impartially and makes clear that they are there to serve the people, not a political party or any one section of their electorate.

### Find your candidate

This booklet contains information on the candidates standing for election in Merseyside police force area. You can also order a copy of this booklet in the following formats: large print, braille and audio.

To place your order visit **[www.choosemypcc.org.uk](http://www.choosemypcc.org.uk)** or call **0800 1070708**.

### About your vote

You need to be registered to be able to vote.

If you are not registered visit **[www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote)** or contact your local council.

If you are registered, and eligible to vote you can either vote in person at a polling station, by post, or by proxy (allowing someone you trust to vote on your behalf).

In this election you can vote for a first and second preference of who you want to win.

For more information about your vote and other elections taking place on 5th May visit **[www.aboutmyvote.co.uk](http://www.aboutmyvote.co.uk)**

## David Robert Burgess-Joyce

The Conservative Party



### Election statement:

**For over 30 years I have supported law and order locally, nationally and internationally in Merseyside Police as a former Special Constabulary Chief Officer, and as a member of the National Crime Squad and the Serious Organised Crime Agency.** However, the most important post is the one I am applying for now, that of Merseyside's Police and Crime Commissioner. This is not just a wish to get back into the policing world but a genuine belief that the communities of Merseyside have not felt their police force has prioritised their needs in recent years.

Each year thousands of residents and businesses lose large sums of money through hackers and scammers who prey on their trust. More sinister too are the threats from paedophile gangs. **I will ensure Merseyside is a hostile environment for those seeking to harm our children and vulnerable people.**

It is clear to many people that the police have retreated from our streets. **One of my first decisions will be to redress this by making all officers available for front-line duties.** I don't want to see any 'forgotten' areas in Merseyside; we all deserve access to sensible levels of policing.

**I believe a re-organisation of current resources is more important than increasing council tax** and guarantee we can get more out of our police force without necessarily putting more money in.

Local police and fire services work well together. As Police and Crime Commissioner I will merge much of their work, saving money to put where it is needed most: **protecting law-abiding citizens and arresting criminals.**

**My priority will always be to make Merseyside safer for the law-abiding and hostile to the criminal.**

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## Christopher David Vincenzo Carubia

Liberal Democrats



### Election statement:

**Chris Carubia** – working to cut crime and protect frontline policing in Merseyside.

Chris was elected as a Liberal Democrat Councillor in Wirral in 2014 - where he lives with his wife and daughter. Chris has spent over 35 years working in electrical engineering and I.T. management both in the UK and abroad.

Chris's priorities for Merseyside are:

- **Maintain a visible presence by defending front line policing**
- **Protect neighbourhood policing and fully support our PCSOs**
- **Ensure swift and effective response to reports of anti-social behaviour**
- **Prioritise tackling domestic violence and sexual exploitation**
- **Champion the rights of the victims and the use of restorative justice**

"I am standing for Merseyside's Police and Crime Commissioner to work hard and make Merseyside the best police force in the country.

Policing faces many funding challenges and I believe this post needs a fresh, practical approach. One that is not influenced by existing culture.

I believe to be effective in this role you need to listen to residents of Merseyside. The Commissioner should be the voice of the community within the police force - not the police force's voice in the community.

With your support on May 5th I'll make sure we have an effective, well-funded police force that will help keep you and your family safe."

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## John Bernard Coyne

Green Party



### Election statement:

**Traffic policing** has not been a key priority for Merseyside Police and, while general crime has been falling, road crime such as dangerous speeding has not. The toll of killed and seriously injured across Merseyside remains high.

I would call on the police to **tackle road danger as a key priority**, with challenging targets. If needed, I would propose an increase in the police precept to provide resources for road policing.

Other police priorities are widely agreed, such as action on serious and organised crime, domestic abuse, hate crime, burglary, violent crime, support for victims, tackling antisocial behaviour and supporting neighbourhood policing.

As a city councillor from 2002 until 2015, I worked alongside the neighbourhood policing team in my ward, gaining insights into the value of local policing. To **make neighbourhood policing more effective and more visible**, I would encourage police to use cycles rather than cars for non-emergency patrols.

The illegal drug trade fuels the gun and gang culture on Merseyside: the police and the community need to act against it. The PCC should speak to government about its failure to either reconsider the need for drugs to continue to be illegal or else provide adequate funding to deal with the consequences.

In the meantime, resources should not be wasted punishing people with a medical condition which they manage by cultivating a few cannabis plants.

**The PCC should build trust** between every part of the public and the police. I would monitor and review local policing to make sure the police were not seen to be acting in an oppressive way against any element of the public, such as ethnic minorities or vulnerable people, particularly the homeless or those in fear of eviction.

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## Jane Kennedy

Labour Party



### **Election statement:**

#### **Re-elect Jane Kennedy as Merseyside Police & Crime Commissioner**

I am asking the people of Merseyside to re-elect me as their Police Commissioner on 5th May.

The Tories have cut police budgets hard and areas like Merseyside have lost a huge number of jobs. Since 2010 we have lost 1600 police officers and staff due to the Tories savage cuts. I fought hard to stop them from cutting the Force even further and thanks to a strong public response last October, over 16,000 people signed my petition in just two weeks.

As a result of public pressure George Osborne promised to stop any further cuts and so we can save our PCSOs, our mounted unit and neighbourhood patrols along with a wide range of other services which were under threat. I am in no doubt that if I had not challenged him about the cuts and if Merseysiders had ignored my petition, we would be in grave danger of reducing the police force to a 'blue light' only emergency service.

But there is something to celebrate. In spite of being one of the hardest hit by Tory cuts Merseyside Police have been judged to be one of the best performing metropolitan police forces in England by the independent police inspectorate, HMIC.

As Merseyside Police Commissioner I will:

- Work hard with the Chief Constable to maintain this outstanding performance
- Build even better services for the victims of crime
- Work hard to make our roads safer for all
- Fight against further cuts to the police budget

With the support of the people of Merseyside I can do this and more. That is why I am seeking re-election on May 5th 2016.

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## **Statement by the Police Area Returning Officer for Merseyside**

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This booklet contains more information about those candidates (where provided) and other information useful to voters. The information provided by a candidate is their responsibility, and may not reflect the opinions of myself or my council.

As Police Area Returning Officer I am responsible for coordinating the election and announcing the result in Merseyside.

Police and Crime Commissioner Elections will be held in Merseyside on 5th May 2016; the candidates standing in that election, alphabetically by surname (as they will appear on the ballot paper), are:

- Burgess-Joyce, David Robert (The Conservative Party Candidate)
- Carubia, Christopher David Vincenzo (Liberal Democrats)
- Coyne, John Bernard Cowan (Green Party)
- Kennedy, Jane (Labour Party)

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