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Candidates for the Merseyside Police Force Area

On 6th 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

On 6th May, you will be able to vote for your Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC). The role of the PCC is to be the voice of the people and hold the police to account. Elections will be taking place in England and Wales. In London, Greater Manchester and West Yorkshire, there will be elections at the same time for Mayors who exercise PCC functions.

PCCs are responsible for the totality of policing in their force area and aim to cut crime and deliver an effective and efficient police service.

39 PCCs will be elected across England and Wales, of which 4 are also responsible for overseeing the fire and rescue authority for their area and are called Police, Fire and Crime Commissioners (PFCC) – these PFCCs are found in Essex, Staffordshire, North Yorkshire and Northamptonshire). There will also be 3 Mayors with PCC functions elected in London, Greater Manchester and West Yorkshire.

PCCs are elected by you and aim to cut crime and hold the force to account on behalf of the public. PCCs bring a public voice to policing, and they do this by:

- engaging with the public and victims of crime to help set the policing priorities for the area and consulting on their Police and Crime plans;
- ensuring the police force budget is spent where it matters most; and
- appointing the Chief Constable, holding them to account for delivery of their objectives and if necessary, dismissing them.

Work with others

PCCs, PFCCs and Mayors who exercise PCC functions also work with your council and other organisations to promote and enable joined up working on community safety and criminal justice.

The PCC, PFCC or Mayor who exercises PCC functions does not 'run' the police force or fire service. Chief Constables and Chief Fire Officers are operationally independent, and they 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, PFCCs and Mayors who exercise PCC functions are single, directly elected individuals ensuring the public are protected, providing greater opportunities for collaboration and more effective scrutiny of public services.

They ensure that there is an effective policing contribution to national partnership arrangements to protect the public from other national and cross-boundary threats.

Represent the entire community

PCCs, PFCCs and Combined Authority Mayors who exercise PCC functions are required to swear an oath of impartiality when they are elected to office.

The oath is designed so that they can publicly set out their commitment to: serve all of the people in their police force area; act with integrity and diligence; give a voice to the public; act with transparency so that they may be effectively held to account; and not interfere with the operational independence of police officers.

Find your candidate

This booklet contains information on the candidates standing for election in the 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** or call **0808 196 2170**.

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** 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 6th May visit **www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter**

Kristofor Iain Brown

Liberal Democrats



Election statement:

If you've made it this far to the PCC candidate website you've done really well, not many people will.

In 2012 only 12% of people turned out to vote and not many more did in 2016.

The interest in this role simply isn't there and it's failed to provide the link between the public and the police we were promised.

So if you elect me, I will be the last PCC you will ever have to vote for.

I will start a process to scrap the role from day one. By removing the role we can save £800,000 a year. Money that can go straight back into front line policing.

In scrapping the role I will disperse power to you by creating a neighbourhood forum model in your local area, where you can meet your local police team, raise issues and hold them to account.

In the meantime I will work to crack down on violent crime by tackling the root causes linked to inequalities in health and education.

I will take a zero tolerance approach to traffic crime and crack down on speeding and pavement parking offences.

I will make sure we put more bobbies on the beat in our local communities.

Last but not least I will always stand up for your civil liberties, your right to peaceful protest and ensure we 'police by consent'.

If you agree with me, please vote for me on 6th May.

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Emily Spurrell

Labour and Co-operative Party



Election statement:

The past year has demonstrated just how important it is to have strong, Labour leaders at the local level, standing up for communities after they've been let down yet again by a Tory Government.

We've seen police officers and public sector workers play a key role in keeping communities safe. But the devastating programme of cuts to all our public services has taken its toll.

Merseyside local authorities have seen some of the highest cuts in funding per person and, despite promises of more police officers, there is still a long way to go to replace the numbers we have lost. Meanwhile our communities continue to be affected by knife crime, gang violence, anti-social behaviour, domestic abuse and hate crime.

If I'm elected Police and Crime Commissioner, I will stand up for Merseyside, demanding more from the Government to invest in public services that can stop someone turning to a life of crime.

Ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to succeed, and building communities that thrive, is fundamental to tackling crime across Merseyside and making all of our lives safer.

I will:

- Get more police officers back on the streets Develop a strategy to tackle violence against women and girls
- Support police to get criminals off the streets and protect young people
- Work with local councillors and community groups to tackle ASB
- Tackle speeding and dangerous driving to make our roads safer

Read my manifesto and find out more at
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Bob Teesdale

The Conservative Party Candidate



Election statement:

I'm Bob Teesdale. I'm the Conservative Candidate in the Police and Crime Commissioner election on 6th May.

Merseyside Police is part and parcel of my life. I served as a Bobby for 30 years retiring as Patrol Inspector, i.e., finishing as I started out - on the streets – working 3 shifts but with just a bit more scrambled egg on my hat.

But although I was a policeman for 30 years, I have also been a private citizen for even longer so I have lots of experience of the other side, of looking to the Police for mine and my family's safety and wellbeing.

I may be biased, of course, but I believe the Merseyside Police are as professional a police force as you will find anywhere. But that intense professionalism comes at a price, a tendency to move away from a direct connection to the communities they serve.

For that reason, I am putting re-connecting with the people of Merseyside, from Southport in the north, St Helens in the east and south to the Wirral, at the heart of my plans for the Force.

- Ensuring that the extra officers gained by the Force from the 20,000 being funded by this Government are spread evenly across the 5 Boroughs.

- Ensuring that community groups who work to benefit us all in so many ways are properly supported and widening the victim support scheme to bring victims of serious Traffic offences within its scope.
- Expanding and properly utilising the willingness of our community to help directly by expanding and properly using the Special Constabulary.

My priority will always be to work to make Merseyside safer.

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Malcolm James Webster

Reform UK



Election statement:

I have been abused, spat at, punched, kicked, attacked with knives, swords, hammers, pickaxes, petrol bombs, threatened by people with guns and had the lives of my family endangered.

I have attended scenes of accidents and murders and held the hand of the dying knowing that all I can do is be there.

I have attended the homes of relatives and sat with them whilst they grieve and cry.

Then I continued my shift talking to and dealing with the public because it's just another day. I went home to my family who knew nothing of what I saw, it is not their burden to carry.

I did all of this and more because I was a Police Officer for 32 years and because it was my duty to serve.

The Police Service has lost its way in recent years and no longer appears to Police with the consent or agreement of the public. Instead it answers to political masters.

The public are disillusioned with recent political events in Merseyside, and this can only be addressed with serious reform of the local political and policing landscape.

Victims of crime are the most important people in the criminal justice system and most often let down by it. I will work closely with Merseyside victim charities and commit to donating a minimum £1,000 per month of my salary to help them deliver their services.

A vote for me as your Police and Crime Commissioner will mean a Police service where the needs of the people of Merseyside will be put first, more Police Officers will return to patrolling the streets, making them safer for your families. Everyone will receive a fair and equitable service.

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Statement by the Police Area Returning Officer for Merseyside

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 6th May 2021; the candidates standing in that election, alphabetically by surname (as they will appear on the ballot paper), are:

- BROWN, Kristofor Iain – Liberal Democrats
- SPURRELL, Emily – Labour and Co-operative Party
- TEESDALE, Bob – The Conservative Party Candidate
- WEBSTER, Malcolm James – Reform UK

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