

Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley

The following information was taken from the Commissioner's Website¹

The Police and Crime Commissioner, Anthony Stansfeld, was born in Newbury and West Berks has been his home all his life. He is currently an executive member of West Berks Council, and was a member of the Thames Valley Police Authority for several years taking over as Chairman of the Performance Committee in 2011. He has also been vice-chairman of the Audit, Governance and Risk Committee.

What is the role of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC)?

The job of the PCC is to ensure that the policing needs of their communities are met as effectively as possible.

He will aim to cut crime and deliver an effective and efficient police service within the force area. He will do this by:

- holding the chief constable to account for the delivery of the force
- setting and updating a police and crime plan
- setting the force budget and precept
- regularly engaging with the public and communities
- appointing, and where necessary dismissing, the chief constable

The PCC will also work with partner organisations, who have a responsibility for crime prevention, to tackle crime and re-offending.

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) is supported by the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner (DPCC), David Carroll.

Both the PCC and DPCC are supported by staff employed in the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) based at the Thames Valley Police Headquarters in Kidlington.

Paul Hammond is the Chief Executive of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley. His role is to support and advise the PCC in developing and delivering his strategic objectives, as expressed through the Police and Crime Plan, and his statutory duties and responsibilities.

Prior to becoming the Chief Executive of the OPCC, Paul was the Chief Executive and Treasurer of the Thames Valley Police Authority.

Included within his role is responsibility for the direct overall management of the 13 OPCC staff.

What is the Police and Crime Plan?

¹ The Commissioner's website is at <http://www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk/Thames-Valley-PCC.aspx>

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) will be producing a Police and Crime Plan for the Thames Valley which covers the term the PCC will be in office.

Under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 the PCC must produce a Police and Crime Plan which sets out the Commissioner's strategic police and crime objectives for the Thames Valley with regard to:

- the policing of the area;
- crime and disorder reduction, and
- the discharge by Thames Valley of its national or international functions

The Plan must also cover:

- The policing of Thames Valley which the Chief Constable is to provide
- The financial and other resources which the Commissioner is to provide to the Chief Constable
- The means by which the Chief Constable will report to the Commissioner on the provision of policing
- The means by which the Chief Constable's performance in providing policing is measured
- The crime and disorder reduction grants which the Commissioner is to make, and the conditions (if any) of those grants

The Plan will draw upon a wide range of information from the police, community safety and criminal justice partners to ensure the Plan reflects the police and crime issues which are affecting the Thames Valley. It also covers a much wider range of service responsibilities than any plan previously developed by the police, community safety partnerships (CSPs) or any other individual community safety responsible authority. The Plan will bring together the priorities of all agencies and authorities with a responsibility for cutting crime and improving community safety.

The consultation for the draft Police and Crime Plan has now closed and we will look at the feedback and update the plan before the final version is published at the end of March. The draft Police and Crime Plan is attached.

The PCC is required to publish the agreed Police and Crime Plan by no later than 31st March 2013

How will the PCC monitor the delivery of the Police and Crime Plan?

Each relevant agency will produce their own annual service delivery plan which will include jointly agreed corresponding actions, measures of success and delivery 'milestones' as appropriate. For example Thames Valley Police will continue to develop in consultation with the PCC its own internal annual Delivery Plan which will reflect the strategic policing objectives contained in the PCC's Police and Crime Plan. The way the Chief Constable is held to account for how the Force provides policing services across the Thames Valley and how Force performance will be monitored and reported in meeting its Delivery Plan targets will be agreed alongside the Police and Crime Plan. To ensure that we are as accountable and transparent as possible public meetings will be held at which the PCC's performance in delivering the strategic objectives contained in his Police and Crime Plan will be considered and

relevant non-confidential reports and performance information supporting the PCC's the decision making process will be published online.