

Request:

1. In respect of the Commissioner's recent survey to members of the public:

(a) How many batches of the survey were sent out / how many surveys per batch?

The survey is sent out on a monthly basis to households across West Yorkshire. In February 2013 a total of 9,257 surveys were sent out.

(b) The dates the batches were sent out?

Surveys are typically posted on or around the first of the month. In February the surveys were posted out on Friday 1st.

(c) The % of responses received when the information is analysed (the % of surveys that the findings are based on)

The average response rate for the survey based on the previous 12 months (February 2012 to January 2013) is 18.1%. At present we are unable to comment on the response rate for February 2013 as we are still receiving responses.

(d) The basis of the database used to determine who receives a questionnaire

We use a West Yorkshire residential postcode address file from Ordnance Survey.

2. Duties of the Police and Crime Commissioner. (Attached)
3. A larger print of the Commissioner's oath. (Attached)
4. Information printed from the Commissioner's website that refers to the Police and Crime Panel. (Attached)



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Role of the PCC

PCCs will be a voice for the people, someone to lead the fight against crime, and someone to hold to account if they don't deliver.

Their role will be to represent you and your concerns, ensuring the policing needs of your community are met.

PCCs will set direction

They will set the direction and the budget for policing. This involves:

Setting the strategic direction and accountability for policing

- being accountable to the electorate
- setting strategic policing priorities
- holding the force to account through the Chief Constable
- consulting and involving the public

Working with partners to prevent and tackle crime and re-offending

- ensuring that the police respond effectively to public concerns and threats to public safety
- promoting and enabling joined up working on community safety and criminal justice
- increasing public confidence in how crime is cut and policing delivered

Invoking the voice of the public, the vulnerable and victims

- ensuring that public priorities are acted upon, victims are consulted and that the most vulnerable individuals are not overlooked
- complying with the General Equality Duty under the Equality Act

Contributing to resourcing of policing response to regional and national threats

- ensuring an effective policing contribution alongside other partners to national arrangements to protect the public from other cross-boundary threats in line with the strategic policing requirement

Ensuring value for money

- responsible for the distribution of policing grants from central government and setting the precept raised through council tax
- responsible for setting the budget, including the police precept component of council tax, and the distribution of policing grants from central government

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WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

I, *Mark Burns-Williamson*
of *Castleford*

do hereby declare that I accept the office of Police and Crime Commissioner for West Yorkshire.

In making this declaration, I solemnly and sincerely promise that during my term of office:

I will serve all the people of West Yorkshire in the office of Police and Crime Commissioner.

I will act with integrity and diligence in my role and, to the best of my ability, will execute the duties of my office to ensure that the police are able to cut crime and protect the public.

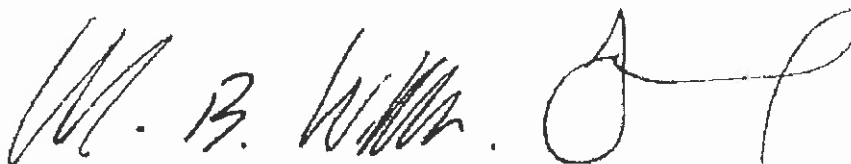
I will give a voice to the public, especially victims of crime, and work with other services to ensure the safety of the community and effective criminal justice.

I will take all steps within my power to ensure transparency of my decisions, so that I may be properly held to account by the public.

I will not interfere with the operational independence of police officers.

Declared this 16th day of November 2012

Before me



Proper Officer, Wakefield Metropolitan District Council, as designated by The Police and Crime Commissioner Elections (Designation of Local Authorities) (No 2) Order 2012





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SCRUTINY OF THE COMMISSIONER - THE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Mark will be supported by a police and crime panel (PCP), made up of 12 representatives from the five councils in West Yorkshire and two independent members

The police and crime panel (PCP) is not be a replacement for the Police Authority. It has various powers to scrutinise and support the Commissioner's activities. The duties of the panel includes:

- requesting reports from the Commissioner and their attendance at PCP meetings
- requiring the Commissioner to respond to any concerns they have
- making recommendations on the Police and Crime Plan and annual reports
- vetoing the PCC's appointment of the chief constable and the level of local tax (the precept level)
- seeking a professional view from Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) regarding potential dismissals of the Chief Constable

Wakefield Council is the lead authority for the PCP. The Association of West Yorkshire Authorities provides administrative and scrutiny support to members of the panel.

[Click here to go to the Association of West Yorkshire Authorities website pages about the police and crime panel.](#) This website contains details of the public meetings of the Panel, to which members of the public are entitled to attend.