

# **PART 5**

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Directly elected Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) and Police and Crime Panels (PCPs) were introduced by the 2011 Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act. The role of the PCC is to be the voice of the people and to hold the Chief Constable to account.

The PCC is responsible for setting priorities for the police force within their area, having regard to needs and demands of communities and ensuring that local and national priorities are suitably funded by setting a budget and for the local performance of the force. He or she will do this by, inter alia:

1. representing all those who live and work in the communities in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland and identifying their policing needs
2. Setting priorities that meet those needs by agreeing a force level strategy plan for Leicestershire Police (the police and crime plan)
3. Holding the Chief Constable to account for achieving these priorities as efficiently and effectively as possible, ensuring that value for money is achieved
4. Agreeing the Leicestershire Police budget and setting the precept
5. Hiring the Chief Constable and, if necessary, calling upon the Chief Constable to retire or resign
6. Having regard to reports and recommendations made by the Police and Crime Panel