



Dear Stakeholder,

Police and Crime Commissioner Elections (North Wales Police Area) – 7 May 2020

As the Police Area Returning Officer (PARO) for the North Wales Police Area I am here setting out key information and dates for the Police and Crime Commissioner Election on Thursday 7 May 2020.

Introduction

In Wales there are four police areas North Wales, Gwent, Dyfed Powys and North Wales. North Wales covers the administrative areas of six Unitary Authorities – Conwy, Denbighshire, Flintshire, Gwynedd, Wrexham and Ynys Môn.

The Election process is governed by the terms of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, the Police and Crime Commissioner Elections Order 2012 and various other legislative requirements and guidance. I will be assisted in my duties by five Local Returning Officers (LRO's) in the other authorities who are also subject to national legislative requirements and guidance.

PARO Role

As PARO, I am responsible for the overall conduct of the PCC election for the North Wales Police Area, and for liaising with the LRO's in the North Wales Police Area. I am also responsible for giving notice of the election, the nomination procedure, encouraging participation, ensuring that the candidates election address requirements and the procedures for submitting those addresses are complied with, the collation of local count totals and calculation of the result and the declaration of the result for the North Wales Police Area. I will also offer guidance and advice to candidates and agents on the conduct of the election, including the management of any elections complaints.

LRO role

LROs are responsible for ensuring the election is administered effectively in their voting area including the provision of polling stations, the printing of ballot papers, appointing polling station staff, the conduct of the poll, managing the postal vote process, the verification and count in their voting area and transmission of the local totals to the PARO.



Further, if conduct complaints relating to candidates and/or agents are not resolved at a local level, as PARO I will be advised and provide advice.

Key Dates

Date	Event
Friday 27 March 2020	Prospective Candidate / Agent Briefing North Wales Police
Tuesday 31 March 2020	Notice of Election
Wednesday 1 April 2020 – Wednesday 8 April 2020 (4pm)	Delivery of nomination papers
Wednesday 8/9 April 2020 (4pm)	Statement of Persons Nominated
Tuesday 14 April 2020	Candidate / Agent Briefing at 5.00 pm, County Hall, Mold
Tuesday 21 April 2020	Deadline for receiving applications for registration
Wednesday 22 April 2020 (5pm)	Deadline for receiving or amending postal vote applications
Wednesday 29 April 2020 (5pm)	Deadline for receiving proxy applications
Wednesday 29 April 2020	Publication of Notice of Poll
Thursday 7 May 2020	Poll Day
Thursday 7 May 2020 (10pm)	Verification
Monday 11 May 2020 (at 9.30am)	Count
Monday 11 May 2020	Declaration of Results

A full timetable for the Police and Crime Commissioner Election is available at www.flintshire.gov.uk/pccelectionnorthwales



Candidates and Agents

A dedicated website is available, providing essential information for Candidates and Agents, and will be updated in due course with downloadable forms (including the nomination pack) and PARO updates. Please visit:
www.flintshire.gov.uk/pccselectionnorthwales

On Friday 27 March 2020 at Police Headquarters, Glan y Don, Colwyn Bay, Conwy LL29 8AW, the Chief Executive of the North Wales Police Commissioner's Office and I will be hosting a Candidate and Agent briefing session and providing an overview of the role of Police and Crime Commissioner. The briefing session will provide information for potential Candidates and their Agents including the nomination procedure, polling information, the verification and count process, candidate spending and election expenses.

A further Candidate and Agent briefing session will take place on Tuesday 14 April 2020 at County Hall, Mold, Flintshire. CH7 6NB. This will start at 5pm.

Useful links and contacts

- PARO website, Police and Crime Commissioner Election (North Wales Police Area) - www.flintshire.gov.uk/pccselectionnorthwales
- The Electoral Commission - <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk>
- Colin Everett - chief.executive@flintshire.gov.uk (PARO for the North Wales Police Area and LRO for the Flintshire)
- Iwan Davies – Iwan.Davies@conwy.gov.uk (LRO for Conwy)
- Judith Greenhalgh – Judith.Greenhalgh@denbighshire.gov.uk (LRO for Denbighshire)
- Dilwyn Williams – DilwynOwenWilliams@gwynedd.llyw.cymru (LRO for Gwynedd)
- Ian Bancroft – ian.bancroft@wrexham.gov.uk (LRO for Wrexham)
- Annwen Morgan – annwenmorgan2@ynysmon.gov.uk (LRO for Ynys Môn)
- Lynn Phillips – lyn.phillips@flintshire.gov.uk (Team Leader – Elections for Flintshire)
- Sian Williams – sian.williams@conwy.gov.uk (Head of Democratic Services for Conwy)
- Gareth Evans – g.evans@denbighshire.gov.uk (Electoral Services Officer for Denbighshire)
- Raymond Harvey – raymondharvey@gwynedd.llyw.cymru (Registration Officer for Gwynedd)
- Alison Davies – Alison.Davies@wrexham.gov.uk (Electoral Services Officer for Wrexham)



- Haulwen Hughes – HaulwenHughes@ynysmon.gov.uk (Electoral Services Officer for Ynys Môn)
- Stephen Hughes – Stephen.Hughes2@nthwales.pnn.police.uk (Chief Executive, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner)

Poll Day

The poll will take place on **Thursday 7 May 2020 from 7am until 10pm**. Each LRO will be responsible for the conduct of the poll and polling stations in their voting area. Ballot papers will be printed with a Unique Identifying Mark (UIM) individual to each LRO voting area along with an official mark set by the PARO.

Combination of polls

At the time of writing this letter there are no polls in the North Wales Police Area scheduled to be combined with the PCC election on Thursday 7 May 2020. Should this change at any point this will be updated on the PARO website.

Verification and Count

The verification and count for the PCC Election will be conducted at local counting centres across the North Wales area with a Regional Hub based in Flintshire. (Venue to be confirmed) where I shall declare the final result of the Election. The process to be followed requires local declarations of the result in each authority area followed by a collated, overall result for North Wales.

All LROs in the North Wales Police Area will commence the verification at 10pm on Thursday 7 May 2020. Each LRO will be responsible for communicating the verification totals to myself. At the close of the verification each LRO will secure all ballot papers until the commencement of the count.

The count will commence at 9.30am on Monday 11 May 2020. It is anticipated that the count will be administered using the Supplementary Voting (SV) system and therefore if one candidate fails to secure 50% plus 1 vote on the first round, a second round of counting will be required. Consequently, it is difficult to estimate how long the count process will take in the North Wales Police Area.

As PARO I will provide regular updates at the Regional Hub via social media and direct to LROs throughout both the verification and count.

I trust the above information is of assistance and sets out the initial planning towards an effective and efficient PCC election in the North Wales Police Area. Should you



require any further information please

visit:www.flintshire.gov.uk/pccelectionnorthwales, contact myself (Tel: 01352 702101, email:chief.executive@flintshire.gov.uk) or contact Lynn Phillips, Team Leader, Elections for Flintshire County Council (Tel: 01352 702329, email:lyn.phillips@flintshire.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely,

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