PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES FOR THE NORFOLK POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER ELECTIONS 2024

Dear Candidate or Potential Candidate,

This letter contains some useful information about the Office of the PCC and its role during the election period, including an invitation to join Norfolk's Chief Constable Paul Sanford and I at the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Wymondham on Wednesday 3 April for a pre-election briefing day.

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Election

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) supports the holder of the office of the PCC to carry out his or her functions. Therefore, during the period running up to the election part of our role will be to prepare to support the successful candidate in pursuit of their aims and objectives as soon as they take office. This will also include a full induction programme including strategic policing and commissioning, public engagements, media briefings, training, corporate governance and finance.

During the election period, in addition to the above responsibilities the Office must continue to carry out its statutory functions, however, has no role whatsoever regarding campaigns of incumbent PCC's who choose to become candidates, and will treat all candidates fairly and equally.

Pre-Election restrictions apply with effect from the 26th March 2024, the Office from that date onwards will not be making any announcements that in any way have the potential to influence the election.

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner is not responsible for running the election. This is the responsibility of the Police Area Returning Officer (PARO) – Mr Trevor Holden, Managing Director, Broadland & South Norfolk Councils. All enquiries regarding the operation of the election should therefore be directed to:

Trevor Holden

<u>Police and Crime Commissioner Election - 2 May 2024 – Broadland and South Norfolk</u> (southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk)

Elections Webpage

The OPCC has created webpages containing information regarding the election including useful links and guidance. Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk (norfolk-pcc.gov.uk)

The web page also publishes all information requested by candidates (anonymously), maintaining a log of information throughout the election process. Any additional material will be added to the webpages leading up to the election as and when appropriate.

Candidate Briefing – 3rd April 2024

There will be an open briefing for those considering standing for the election. The day will be hosted by the Office of the PCC supported by the Chief Constable, Paul Sanford, alongside senior colleagues from both the Constabulary and the OPCC. This will provide an opportunity for all candidates to receive further information and advice. Details are as follows:

Date: 3rd April 2024, 9.00am – 4.00pm (lunch included)
 Venue: Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner, Building 7,

Falconers Chase, Wymondham, Norfolk. NR18 0WW

I hope you will be able to attend and that you find the day both informative and useful. A full itinerary is attached for your information. Car Parking will be made available.

Could you please confirm your attendance to my colleagues by email OPCCNPAExecutive@norfolk.police.uk by Tuesday 2nd April 2024.

Information Requests

If you have a request for information about policing or crime related issues, please put your request in writing to me at the above email address. The OPCC will respond positively to requests for factual information from candidates and will also ensure such information is equally available to all candidates by publishing all Q & As on the website.

If you have any gueries, please do not hesitate to get in touch

Yours Sincerely

Mark Stokes

Chief Executive & Monitoring Officer

Candidate Familiarisation Day 3rd April 2024

Agenda

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9:00 – 9:15 Arrivals and refreshments
9:15 – 9:30 Housekeeping and Introductions – Mark Stokes CEO
9:30 – 10:00 Overview - Role of the Norfolk PCC
10:15 – 11.30 The Office of the PCC
11.30 – 12:15 On the horizon
12:15 – 13.00 Induction and 100-day plan
13.00 – 13.45 Lunch
14:00 – 16.00 Norfolk Constabulary – Chief Constable
16.00 Close
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Note – Times are provided as a guide and will be flexible on the day to ensure that all Candidates have the opportunity to raise questions and gain full value from the day.