

What is the PCC?

- The PCC stands for the Police crime commissioner.
- They aim to decrease crime and ensure they are delivering effective policing to the area that they work operate in. in 2015 the government voted to put the pcc in charge of the fire services too
- They also have the job of deciding how much money the police and fire service require and can change the amount of contribution from council tax.

Who are they accountable to?

- The general public as they are elected by the district that they are in.
- However, turnout is extremely low so this does mean that they have a lack of legitimacy.
- They are seen to hold the police force to account to ensure transparency.

Do we need The PCC?

The PCC:

- They were created to replace the Police Authority in 2012
- Are they not just another politician? Nick Clegg called them "recycled politicians"
- They basically do the same job as the police authority did apart from now they are also in charge of the fire service and are voted by the public.

How much do they cost?

It is different for every county but the average salary for the police crime commissioner is between £70,000 and £85,000 however there are some that receive £100,000

Pcc are in some cases more expensive than the police authorities.

Police Authority:

- Consisted of 17 members
- Was abolished in 2012
- Were there to hold the chief constable to account just like a school of governs would a head teacher.

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