

Police and Crime Commissioners QSD on 29 April 2019

This briefing identifies relevant reports and useful documents, including recent parliamentary materials and press articles, which may be of assistance to Members in preparing for the following debate:

Lord Lexden to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they plan to establish a review of the role and responsibilities of Police and Crime Commissioners.

Copies of the materials are available for collection from the Library.

Key Information

- Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services, '[Role of Police and Crime Commissioners](#)', 27 June 2018; and Association of Police and Crime Commissioners, '[Role of the PCC](#)', accessed 24 April 2019

Description of the role of Police and Crime Commissioners, including information on democratic accountability; principal obligations and powers; role with fire and rescue services; and regional variations. In addition, details of PCCs' responsibilities under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

- National Police Chiefs' Council, '[Chief Constable Preparation, Selection, Tenure and Retirement in the 'New Landscape of Policing'](#)', June 2018, pp 25–31

Research commissioned by the Chief Constables' Council to understand if the police service is experiencing an unprecedented turnover of chief constables, to consider the pressures faced by those occupying the rank and the perspectives of officers considering applying to become a chief constable. Section included focuses on chief constables' experiences of working with PCCs.

- Daniel Hibbert, '[Senior Salaries Review Body: Review of Police and Crime Commissioner Remuneration: Report on Job Evaluation](#)', April 2018, pp 1–2

Overview of report commissioned by the Government to examine the changes in scope and responsibilities of PCCs since they were elected, including the differentials between PCCs in different areas; the extent to which taking on responsibilities for fire and rescue services affects the job size of the PCC office; and which other roles are of a similar job size and responsibility level.

- House of Commons Home Affairs Committee, '[Police and Crime Commissioners: Here to Stay](#)', 25 March 2016, HC 844 of session 2015–16, pp 22–5; and '[Government Response](#)', 21 November 2016

Conclusions and recommendations of report which examined the role of PCCs at the end of the first cohort's term in office. Included the argument that the PCC role had "worked well to date", but as the reform was relatively new, "understanding its impacts is still a work in progress". In addition, Government response to the report which contained a commitment to "continue to develop the PCC role".

- Committee on Standards in Public Life, [Tone from the Top: Leadership, Ethics and Accountability in Policing](#), June 2015, Cm 9057, pp 7–11

Executive summary of report which focused on leadership, ethics and accountability in local policing, including a consideration of the role of PCCs and how it is scrutinised between elections.

Parliamentary Debate, Statements and Questions

- [Oral Question on 'Police and Crime Commissioners'](#), HL Hansard, 15 October 2018, cols 288–90
- [Debate on 'Police and Crime Commissioners'](#), HL Hansard, 28 June 2018, cols 247–83
- A selection of written questions from both Houses: [197476](#) (7 December 2018); [157025](#) (2 July 2018); [153923](#) (21 June 2018); [HL5663](#) (27 February 2018); and [HL5662](#) (27 February 2018)

Press Articles and Comment

- Lizzie Dearden, '[Elected Police and Crime Commissioners Can Be 'Absolutely Bleeding Hopeless', Report Told](#)', *Independent*, 14 September 2018
- Rick Muir, '[PCCs Are Here to Stay](#)', Police Foundation Blog, 15 November 2016
- Rick Muir, '[We Need to Talk About Kevin](#)', Police Foundation Blog, 22 April 2016

Further Information

- Barry Loveday, '[Police and Crime Commissioners—Developing and Sustaining a New Model of Police Governance in England and Wales](#)', *International Journal of Police Science and Management*, October 2017
- Matthew Davies, '[Driving Accountability from Within: Key Lessons for Newly Elected Police and Crime Commissioners](#)', Police Foundation, June 2016

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