



Alun Michael for Commissioner



As the former Deputy Home Secretary and Police Minister with his background in Youth Work and Local Government, Alun Michael is probably the most experienced candidate in the country for the role of Police and Crime Commissioner.

"I can't think of anyone better qualified to be the Police and Crime Commissioner for the South Wales Police Area than Alun. These elections are going to happen in 2012. Labour opposed the idea but now that the legislation has been passed, there is no way we can boycott the elections. We want to win them. We need totally committed candidates with the right qualities. Alun has shown a lifetime of passionate commitment to policing and crime reduction issues. That applies both on an England and Wales basis and on a local South Wales basis."

Rhodri Morgan, former First Minister



Few aspects of the public service are more important than the police. We invest them with significant powers but we expect them to risk their lives to protect individuals and communities. Governance of the police is a key issue in a democracy. Whether we think that the creation of Police Commissioners is a good idea or an expensive diversion at a time of massive cuts, the legislation is in place, so it's going to happen and we must make it work.

"Alun gets it when it comes to the link between offending and social conditions, education and the need to provide opportunities for our young people. I share his passion for putting the principles of co-operation into practice, and that's the approach that is needed in the role of Police Commissioner."

Huw Lewis AM, Minister for Housing & Regeneration



In 1829 Robert Peel established Britain's first professional police force. He said that *"The first aim of the police must be to cut crime"*.

That's as true now as it was then. The priority of the Police and Crime Commissioner must be to make sure that the South Wales Police focus their resources on making every single one of our communities safe and free from crime. That's my priority.

"I want a Commissioner who understands the needs of people who are at risk in our communities, and who will make sure that the police focus clearly on their needs. Alun has a passion for social justice and a keen sense of community. That's why he's the right person for this role."

Gwenda Thomas AM, Neath - Welsh Government Minister for Social Services



The first ever elections for Police and Crime Commissioners will take place on 15th November 2012

As Police Commissioner I will:

- Work with the police to cut crime and prevent re-offending
- Work to make every community in South Wales a safer place
- Make sure the public can talk to and work with the police
- Fight for effective policing in a time of savage cuts
- Take a strategic approach to serious and organised crime

"I will make it my mission to ensure that the police are properly accountable to local communities and that it is easier for every member of the public to communicate with and work with the police to cut crime and make our communities safer for the million people who live in the South Wales area."

I want to hear from you about your ideas for the new Police Commissioner's priorities to get ideas on the ground - why not have a look at my website at www.alunmichael.net to see what I'm up to and get in touch!"



Did you know?...

The Police and Crime commissioner will:

- Set local policing priorities in a Police and Crime Plan
- Set the annual force budget and council tax precept
- Appoint the Chief Constable in charge of operational policing
- Investigate complaints against the Chief Constable and monitor complaints against staff and officers
- Consult and involve the public and collaborate with other forces and agencies - including the council, the probation service and the courts



"As a trade unionist I want a Commissioner who will be fair and unbiased - who will be firm but fair and pursue justice for all. Having worked with Alun for over 30 years, I know his commitment to fairness and social justice and to cutting crime. That's why he has my full support."

Mike Payne, GMB

"I'm delighted to be throwing my support behind Alun Michael in his bid to become Welsh Labour's candidate for the job of South Wales' first ever Police and Crime Commissioner. Alun understands the needs of the people of South Wales and I know that he will be committed to ensuring that the streets and communities of Swansea are a safe place for everyone."

Mike Hedges AM, Swansea East



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