

Surrey's next Police and Crime Commissioner will be?

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2nd May 2024 four candidates hope to get your vote for the £73,000 per annum post of Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC). The core functions of a PCC is to secure the maintenance of an efficient and effective police force within their area, and to hold the chief constable to account for the delivery of the police and crime plan.

Four candidates are vying for the position and here are their responses to Epsom and Ewell Times' request to provide statements for your consideration.



Kate Chinn - Labour

The Conservatives have lost control of crime in Epsom and Ewell', says Kate Chinn, Labour's candidate for Surrey's police and crime commissioner.

'Under the present Conservative commissioner, the record in Surrey is one of utter failure', added Cllr Chinn, Labour leader on Epsom and Ewell Council.

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I was born and raised in Surrey and live with my wife and two daughters in Epsom & Ewell. We don't believe that 75% of women and girls feel safe after dark, like the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner says.

Since 2018 I've been a borough councillor. I'm also a member of the Surrey Police & Crime Panel and my local Community Safety Partnership. I've been a senior police manager and I'm currently an independent adviser on policing. I also founded a local charity to help people living in deprivation in our borough. We focus on helping vulnerable children.

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Alex Coley - Independent



Paul Kennedy - Liberal Democrat

I came a strong 2nd in the last PCC elections with over 112,000 votes across Surrey; and with Epsom & Ewell constituency now a Liberal Democrat target for the general election, I've already spoken to many of you with our inspirational (ex-military police) parliamentary candidate Helen Maguire.

You've told us you want action on antisocial behaviour, drugs, shoplifting, burglaries and vehicle crime. You're fed up with paying the highest council tax in the country for policing yet feeling less safe.

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I want to be re-elected as your Police and Crime Commissioner to continue building on the improvements I have driven within Surrey Police.

Since you elected me 3 years ago, I've worked hard to keep Surrey safe, helping secure more police officers for our county than ever before and investing in projects to support communities. I have spoken with many of you and prioritised championing your voice and concerns.

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Lisa Townsend - Conservative

The 2021 election produced the following result:

Party	Candidate	1st round		2nd round	
		Total	Of round	Transfers	Total
Conservative	Lisa Townsend	112,260	32.69%	42,856	155,116
Liberal Democrats	Paul Kennedy	69,412	20.21%	42,803	112,215
Zero Tolerance Policing ex Chief	Kevin Hurley	59,554	17.34%		
Independent	David Munro	53,103	15.46%		
Labour	Howard Kaye	40,597	11.82%		
Turnout		343,375			
Rejected ballots		8,449	2.46		
Total votes		334,926			
Registered electors					
Conservative win					

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