

What is **NEW** for Bedfordshire Police Authority?



Police & Crime Commissioner:

In November 2012 you will be asked to vote for the first Police & Crime Commissioner for Bedfordshire.

THE COMMISSIONER WILL REPLACE
THE CURRENT POLICE AUTHORITY



The Commissioner will be expected to:

- Hold the Chief Constable to account
- Set policing priorities for the Force
- Represent the views of local communities
- Set the Force budget and council tax precept
- Appoint (and if necessary dismiss) the Chief Constable
- Publish an annual report saying how well the force has done
- Consult partners, stakeholders and the public
- Produce a plan for policing the county

New Police and Crime Panels will be introduced, made up of local councillors and independent members, to monitor the work of the Commissioner on behalf of the public.

Bedfordshire Police Authority:

The Police Authority will continue to operate normally until the Commissioner takes over. This includes setting the budget, the amount of council tax people pay towards policing, and the policing priorities for the next twelve months and holding the Chief Constable to account for delivery.

Make sure you have your say:

This will be Bedfordshire Police Authority's last opportunity to set the budget so it is important that we hear from you.

There will be an online survey running from Monday 5th December 2011

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