



**Damian Hinds**  
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## **Damian Hinds Calls for 'Community Candidates' for Police Commissioner**

Damian Hinds has called for East Hampshire residents to put themselves forward as candidates for the post of Hampshire Police Commissioner. The newly created job will come up for election in November this year.

The new role's aim is to cut crime and deliver an effective and efficient police service by holding the Chief Constable to account. Other parts of the job include setting the force budget of £300 million and regularly engaging with the public and communities.

Damian Hinds said

*"This new role is an exciting opportunity for us to have a say in how our Police Service operates and we need the best people standing for election.*

*"We have a terrific, dedicated Police Service here in East Hampshire and the new Commissioner will work with them and have a direct input in setting their priorities - that could mean focusing on continuing the agenda to keep our police on the streets and how we combat burglary and anti-social behaviour. It is a serious job and it will have a real impact on our community.*

*"All sorts of people, from retired military officers to lawyers and politicians are expressing interest but the whole point is to elect someone who speaks for the community. Anyone, from any walk of life, can stand and I really hope we will see committed people from our towns and villages putting themselves forward."*

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Notes to Editors

The election for the new post of Police & Crime Commissioner takes place on 15th November. For more information on the role see <http://www.hampshirepoliceauthority.org/hpa/hampshire-police-authority-policing-21-century.htm>

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/police/police-crime-commissioners/>