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PCC Olly Martins puts chief constable candidates through their paces

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POLICE and Crime Commissioner for Bedfordshire, Olly Martins, has welcomed what he describes as an incredibly strong line-up of candidates for the post of Chief Constable, following a shortlisting process on Thursday (May 9).



Olly Martins

Commissioner Martins said: "The appointment of a new Chief Constable is a critical decision for any Commissioner, and I am fortunate to have been able to shortlist four very strong and highly experienced candidates. These four very able individuals will now go forward to the final interview and selection process which takes place next week.

"I am particularly grateful for the support of the selection panel, which itself reflects the significance of this appointment. Alongside me, it consists of the former Chair of the Police Authority Peter Conniff and Carolyn Dhanraj MBE JP, an independent member from the College of Policing. We are supported in our task by Peter Neyroud CBE QPM, former Chief Constable and Chief Executive of the National Policing Improvement Agency. He is renowned for his innovative approach to policing and has agreed to act as a special advisor to the panel."

The selection process is deliberately rigorous. Commissioner Martins explained that, in addition to the actual interview, candidates will be undergo a series of tests including a media exercise to camera, psychological appraisals and presentations, all of which will be evaluated before the successful candidate is identified.

"We are totally focused on the appointment of the right person as the next Chief Constable of Bedfordshire Police," said the Commissioner. "It's a hugely important decision for the public we are here to serve, all those who work for Bedfordshire Police and, of course, myself, as I will be working closely with the successful candidate to ensure the delivery of my Police and Crime Plan."

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Shame Mr Martins wasn't selected via the same vigorous interview process. What a complete waste of taxpayers money employing these commissioners. He has got the ex chair of the police authority on it. The same man that he effectively replaced! Difference being Olly gets paid a ridiculous amount of money for it. Can Beds on Sunday investigate and see what Olly has achieved so far? Apart from driving Alf away to pastures new!

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