

## Leicestershire's Police and Crime Commissioner defends staff spending



*Sir Clive Loader, Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire and Rutland*

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LEICESTERSHIRE and Rutland's Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Sir Clive Loader has defended spending nearly £900,000 this year on staffing.

The current staffing expenditure forecast for this year (including costs such as national insurance, pensions and temporary staff) is just over £881,000.

Posts already filled include a chief executive on £90,000 a year - £15,000 more than Sir Clive himself. A chief finance officer role, currently undertaken on an interim basis, pays £80,000 a year.

The overall running cost of Sir Clive's office this year is £1.1m, about £170,000 more than the estimated £929,000 which is believed would have been spent by the former Leicestershire Police Authority had it continued to operate until the end of March 2013.

Sir Clive said: "The old police authority, whose role was only part of the new PCC's responsibility, managed to deliver its duties with a small, but effective team.

"The statutory duties laid upon commissioners have led to a tremendous increase in workload so, simply to keep up with the job demands, additional capacity and resilience has had to be introduced.

"There were 17 members of the old authority so it was inevitable that extra support was always going to be required, particularly given the significant additional responsibilities placed upon PCCs."

He added: "It's important to have the right people in the right posts to deliver the best possible service for the public.

"While I've chosen not to engage the services of political advisers or a deputy commissioner, I'd like to stress we're continuing to work with the force to reduce, and minimise, the additional costs of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

"I was elected to represent the people, to ensure their voices are heard and to help drive down crime, and I will do that to the best of my ability at minimum cost to the tax payer."

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