

Cover Letter

Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner

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Dear Clive Grunshaw PCC,

I enclose my CV to be considered for the role of Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner, I believe I have the right skills, drive and personality to take successfully take the role forward.

The roles and skills that I have amassed in my career have given me the knowledge and experience needed to be a successful Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner.

I am a reliable, hardworking, friendly, quick thinking and trustworthy individual, who has worked productively under pressure in both the long and short term. I have successfully shown how I can oversee a team of staff and volunteers, whilst managing multiple projects personally.

Through my roles, especially as a councillor, I've worked closely with police officers where I regularly held meetings to discuss issues facing my constituents. I've attended numerous briefings on policing issues and the challenges they face under cuts to funding and new reforms. I have also joined local police officers on live city-wide operations, where I had the opportunity to observe all aspects of policing up-close alongside them.

I am able to adapt to the current political climate quickly where I can resolve problems efficiently and effectively. I have the ability to address situations as they arise and brief on the issue in a timely manner, regardless of the hour or day.

I have cultivated relationships with regional, national and international stakeholders where I regularly liaise with politicians from all parties to further the aims and objectives of my employer, many of these skills were invaluable to me during my time as a councillor for Manchester City Council.

I have regularly held politicians and public officials to account, both privately and in a public forum. Both within my roles as a publicly elected politician and as an appointed civil servant. One example of this was lobbying for the implementation of a UK Living Wage for all social care staff in Manchester, which I achieved after a long campaign and through motions I tabled, which were passed unanimously at full council.

I am a confident and professional person who can work both independently as well as part of a team, I will always give an honest assessment to any situation and believe in collective responsibility. I am responsible for both paid members of staff and volunteers, most recently as the UK head of office for Wajid Khan MEP, who I also represent in the UK at various meetings during his work overseas in Brussels.

I have represented the views of my employers to stakeholders and the media, one such example being where, on behalf of the MEP, I helped raise the humanitarian crisis of the Rohingya community to UK and EU stakeholders, in order to promote awareness of this and urge UK and EU foreign ministers to intervene. Our strategy of raising awareness with politicians and the media was successful and led to his speech on the issue being watched by over 600,000 people.

I have always sought to improve and increase my skill set and I have taken it upon myself to attend numerous training sessions on leadership and time management, digital programmes and media training.

I am willing to work above and beyond the normal working office hours and have increased workloads alongside working from other locations when required.

I have a full clean driving licence and own my own car.

I am always looking for new opportunities and challenges, both in my private life and employment. I would relish a new role in public life, where my skills and experience will enable me to carry out this role very effectively, and I believe the role of Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner would be a fantastic honour.

Yours faithfully,

Christopher Webb.