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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2012 No. 2553**

**POLICE, ENGLAND AND WALES**

**The Police and Crime Commissioner Elections  
(Declaration of Acceptance of Office) Order 2012**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>8th October 2012</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>10th October 2012</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>15th November 2012</i>

The Secretary of State makes this Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 70(1)(a) and 154(5)(a) and (c) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011<sup>(1)</sup> as extended by section 26(3) of the Welsh Language Act 1993<sup>(2)</sup>.

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Police and Crime Commissioner Elections (Declaration of Acceptance of Office) Order 2012.

(2) This Order comes into force on 15th November 2012.

(3) “Police area” means a police area listed in Schedule 1 to the Police Act 1996<sup>(3)</sup> (police areas outside London).

**Form of declaration of acceptance of office: police areas in England**

2. The declaration of acceptance of office by a person elected to the office of police and crime commissioner for any police area in England must be in the form set out in Schedule 1.

**Form of declaration of acceptance of office: police areas in Wales**

3. The declaration of acceptance of office by a person elected to the office of police and crime commissioner for any police area in Wales must be either—

(a) in the English form set out in Schedule 1, or

(b) in the Welsh form set out in Schedule 2.

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(1) 2011 c. 13.

(2) 1993 c. 38.

(3) 1996 c. 16; Schedule 1 was amended by section 129 of the Police Act 1997 (c. 50) and by S.I. 1997/1844, 1997/1845, 1997/1846, 1997/1847, 1997/1849, 1997/1850, 1997/1855, 1997/1857 and 2009/119.

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Home Office  
8th October 2012

*Damian Green*  
Minister of State

## SCHEDULE 1

Article 2

### Declaration of Acceptance of Office

I [Full Name] of [Place] do hereby declare that I accept the office of Police and Crime Commissioner for [Police Area].

In making this declaration, I solemnly and sincerely promise that during my term of office:

I will serve all the people of [Police Area] in the office of Police and Crime Commissioner.

I will act with integrity and diligence in my role and, to the best of my ability, will execute the duties of my office to ensure that the police are able to cut crime and protect the public.

I will give a voice to the public, especially victims of crime, and work with other services to ensure the safety of the community and effective criminal justice.

I will take all steps within my power to ensure transparency of my decisions, so that I may be properly held to account by the public.

I will not interfere with the operational independence of police officers.

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## SCHEDULE 2

Article 3

### Datganiad ar Dderbyn Swydd

Rydw i [*Enw Llawn*] o [*Leoliad*] trwy hyn yn datgan fy mod yn derbyn swydd Comisiynydd yr Heddlu a Throseddau ar gyfer [*yr Ardal Heddlu*].

Trwy wneud y datganiad hwn, rwy'n addo'n ddifrifol ac yn ddiffuant yn ystod fy nghyfnod yn y swydd:

Y byddaf yn gwasanaethu pawb yn [*Ardal yr Heddlu*] fel Comisiynydd yr Heddlu a Throseddau.

Byddaf yn gweithredu gyda chywirdeb a diwydrwydd yn fy rôl ac, hyd eithaf fy ngallu, yn cyflawni dyletswyddau fy swydd i sicrhau y gall yr heddlu leihau troseddau a diogelu'r cyhoedd.

Byddaf yn rhoi llais i'r cyhoedd, yn arbennig dioddefwyr troseddau, ac yn gweithio gyda gwasanaethau eraill i sicrhau diogelwch y gymuned a chyfiawnder troseddol effeithiol.

Byddaf yn gwneud popeth o fewn fy ngallu i sicrhau tryloywder fy mhenderfyniadau, fel y bydd modd i'r cyhoedd fy nal yn hollol atebol.

Ni fyddaf yn ymyrryd ag annibyniaeth weithredol swyddogion yr heddlu.

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order specifies the forms of declaration of acceptance of office for persons elected to the office of police and crime commissioner for a police area in England or a police area in Wales. The declaration must be made within two months of election.

Article 2 provides that the form in Schedule 1 is the form of declaration of acceptance of office that is to be used where a person is elected to the office of police and crime commissioner for a police area in England.

Article 3 provides that the form in either Schedule 1 or 2 is the form of declaration of acceptance of office that is to be used where a person is elected to the office of police and crime commissioner for a police area in Wales.

Schedules 1 and 2 prescribe the form of the declaration of office in English and Welsh respectively.