

STATEMENT FOR CLPS IN THE MATTER OF DECIDING ON THE CANDIDATE TO  
PUT FORWARD FOR PCC ELECTION - MAY 2021 – AISHA JERMY (Nee KHALAF)



Whilst I appreciate I have not been involved in local politics at grass roots level in the sense of being a Councillor or Administrator and therefore am not ofay with party rules, I have nonetheless been a Labour Supporter( and Union member all my working life) since coming to Lowestoft 25 years ago and helping not only in the elections when Bob Blizzard was elected MP but also during the last two elections with Jeremy Corbyn as leader and Sonia Barker was the Candidate. She can attest to my dedication.

I have worked for over thirty- five years in local government, twenty- five of those as a graduate lawyer (Greater London Council, Hillingdon Borough Council, Reading Borough Council and six years at Oxford City Council) and the last ten years of my working life I started and built up my own private practice in Lowestoft (Khalaf & Co) a Sole Practice. I have raised four children, have 5 grand daughters and I am acutely aware of the importance of the role of the PCC. It is one I can excel at by virtue of my vast work and life experiences. In local government my work involved liaising with Chief Constables on policing strategies both in Reading – problem with drunks and vagrancy- to name but one, and Oxford City where I was, among other duties, Housing Solicitor and responsible for racist abuse of council tenants, neighbour disputes et al.

As a victim of domestic abuse in my youth I am well aware of the effect the financial and lockdown stresses are causing within the home while the current government has closed most abused partners and children's bolt holes.

The decision you are required to make should not rely on who you feel most comfortable with or who is 'one of us'. With respect, it should be based on who will show the Party in the best light by having the courage to speak out and make changes needed to the plan needed from the PCC for the following three years. I have looked at the Chief Constable's Plan and it is NOT fit for purpose in these COVID times. I have no intention of going in all guns blazing but, without being big-headed, I am an excellent negotiator and a 'people person'. I can do much to make a real and tangible difference to the lives of the people that are suffering and in need of Police understanding, police help and police empathy. WE CANNOT KEEP CHURNING OUT THE SAME AS BEFORE. These are unprecedented times. We the Labour Party members must be prepared to walk the walk not just talk the talk and I can do that. Thank You. See you on 17 November. I have not yet been told the time of the meeting.