



Durham Police Authority

PRESS RELEASE

Annual Police Authority Meeting

Durham Police Authority is committed to consulting and involving the community to help inform and shape the direction, priorities and plans of policing in County Durham and Darlington.

The Police Authority will be holding its Annual Meeting on Friday 11 June 2010 at County Hall, Durham at 10.30 a.m.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting a presentation of a County Council Young Person's Medal will be made by the Chair of Durham County Council, Councillor Mac Williams to Philip Marshall who works closely with the Police Authority and Durham Agency Against Crime.

The meeting will also welcome three new members onto the Police Authority. Councillor Malcolm Campbell, Derwentside Independent member for Esh, Councillor Audrey Laing, Labour Member for Peterlee East and Councillor Brian Myers, Labour Member for Willington. These members will replace existing members Councillor Len O'Donnell, Councillor Mac Williams and Councillor Audrey Willis.

A warm invitation is extended to you to attend the open session of the meeting when the Police Authority discusses its general business. It will also be the first occasion where the meeting will be filmed and subsequently featured on our website.

Mr Peter Thompson, Chairman of Durham Police Authority said:

"We are currently looking at a variety of ways we can consult and engage even further with you. As local tax payers, you invest in the police services for County Durham and Darlington, so we feel that your views should be taken into account when we make our decisions.

I am particularly interested in the webcast development and its inclusion on the Police Authority website and would encourage those members of the public unable to attend the meeting to access the website to not only obtain an insight into the dealings of the Police Authority but also the vast range of functions and responsibilities of a Police Authority"

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Durham Police Authority is an independent body responsible for ensuring Durham Constabulary delivers an efficient and effective police service. It is made up of 17 local people who include 9 councillors and 8 members of the public who are the independent members.

The Authority ensures that the Constabulary is accountable to the people of County Durham and Darlington and ensures that citizens have a say in how they are policed.

The Authority is responsible, amongst other matters, for setting the budget for the Constabulary and, following consultation with local communities, mapping out the strategic direction of policing. This includes agreeing policing priorities and setting the Constabulary challenging targets to drive performance higher.

The Authority's Vision

“To ensure that policing in County Durham and Darlington is fair, effective and visible”

The Authority's Mission

“To be the effective voice of our communities in securing the delivery of high quality policing by:

- Exercising strong & effective leadership
- Engaging positively with communities to build confidence in local policing
- Strengthening partnership working
- Promoting equality, tolerance & respect for human rights
- Scrutinising and challenging police performance to secure continuous improvement
- Scrutinising and challenging business systems and processes to ensure effective use of resources

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