



Durham Police Authority

PRESS RELEASE

Police Authority welcomes new police recruits

Following the start of Durham Constabulary's Police Recruitment programme after a two year freeze, ten new recruits attended the Authority's Human Resources Sub-Committee last Friday to meet the Members of Durham Police Authority.

The new recruits conveyed their passion for policing and expressed how they were looking forward to a challenging, yet rewarding career with Durham Constabulary.

Police Authority Members congratulated them on their new posts, confident that the officers will maintain the current high standard of policing in County Durham and Darlington. Councillor Dennis Southwell, Chair of the Committee also commented that the Authority encourages police enhancement where possible and has no doubt the student officers will have a long and healthy career with Durham Constabulary in the future.

Mr Peter Thompson, Chair of Durham Police Authority said:

"We have some quality young men and women here, many of whom have already been Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's), who bring their experience with them. I am impressed by the passion they have shown for their future career with Durham Constabulary and I am confident that they will work hard to serve the people of County Durham and Darlington in the future".

ENDS

Notes to Editors

**** Photograph attached** – Ten student police officers with Police Authority Chair and Members, the Chief Executive of Durham Police Authority and staff from Durham Constabulary **

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, 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

For further information or comment, please contact Durham Police Authority:

Tel: 0191 3836471

Email: durham.pa@durham.gov.uk

Website: www.durham-pa.gov.uk

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/DPAuthority>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/durhampoliceauthority>