



Durham Police Authority

PRESS RELEASE

Police achieve savings of £1.26m

Durham Police Authority considered its financial position in a Committee Report on Tuesday 21 February 2012. The report highlighted that over £1.26m of savings were delivered between the period of 1 April 2011 and 31 December 2011.

Policing areas where savings have been achieved include Employee Costs, Supplies & Services, Agencies & Contracted Expenses and Police Authority Support Costs.

Chair of Durham Police Authority, Mr Peter Thompson said:

“Whilst there have been dramatic funding cuts from central government grants, I am delighted that Durham Police Authority and its Constabulary have achieved over one and a quarter million pounds in savings.

“This saving highlights the importance of ensuring the people of County Durham and Darlington get value for money for their policing services. Through efficient and effective planning we will continue to address the financial challenges head on as we move into the next financial year”.

It is forecasted that by the end of the 2011/12 financial year in March 2012, the savings will increase further, from £1.264m to £1.378m.

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Notes to Editors

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

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