



Durham Police Authority

PRESS RELEASE

Every household set to receive Local Policing Summary

Over the next few months residents of County Durham and Darlington will receive a copy of this year's Local Policing Summary through their letterbox. Durham Police Authority and Durham Constabulary are required to produce a Local Policing Summary that provides an overview of how the Constabulary has performed over the last year and what the local policing priorities are for the coming year.

The content for this year's summary was reviewed by Members at the Authority's Business Planning and Productivity Committee earlier today. Mr Peter Thompson, Chair of Durham Police Authority said:

"The Police Authority consults extensively with the people of County Durham and Darlington to ensure that they are at the heart of local policing. The aim of the summary is to let you know how we have been doing in meeting our priorities and most importantly how we are making our communities even safer.

The summary illustrates the hard work and successes of the last year and we hope that we are providing citizens with the reassurance that County Durham and Darlington continue to remain one of the safest places to live and work in the whole of the country."

The Local Policing Summary will be available on the Authority's website at: www.durham-pa.gov.uk.

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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