



Durham Police Authority

PRESS RELEASE

Introducing a New Police & Crime Commissioner for County Durham & Darlington

Durham Police Authority is inviting members of the public to a Police and Crime Commissioner Stakeholder Workshop on 30th August 2011 to learn more about the significant changes ahead to local policing should the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill going through Parliament at the moment receive royal assent at the end of the summer.

Partners from the public, private and voluntary sector will be attending the event and the Police Authority is extending the invitation to members of the general public given that they too are a key partner in keeping our streets, towns and villages the safest places to live in the UK.

New Police and Crime Commissioners will be elected, replacing Police Authorities, in May 2012. They will hold the Police budget and will have the responsibility to address the concerns raised by local people within the force area. The workshop will discuss the broader role of the Police and Crime Commissioner and the impact of the changes upon partners and communities in County Durham and Darlington.

The workshop is free to attend and starts at 9am. It will take place at Durham Town Hall and is expected to finish at 2pm. If you are interested in attending please contact the Police Authority on telephone 0191 383 6529 or email sarah.harris@durham.gov.uk to book a place. Please note places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

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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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