



Durham Police Authority

PRESS RELEASE

Police Authority sets 'have your say' dates on policing priorities

Durham Police Authority announced upcoming dates for its annual consultation with local communities to gather their views on policing priorities, at a meeting earlier today.

The Authority, which hopes to build on the success of previous consultations by making use of a variety of methods including face to face and online facilities, have confirmed members of the public can vote for their top three policing priorities between 14 November and 1 December 2011.

The past two years have proven successful with consultations being conducted jointly with key partners, including both the County Durham and Darlington Community Safety Partnerships.

Mr. Peter Thompson, Chair of Durham Police Authority said: "The Police Authority and Constabulary work with partners to regularly obtain the views of local people about policing and community safety priorities".

"We have always valued the opportunity to consult with the people who live and work within County Durham and Darlington, as well as our key stakeholders. This consultation is very important to us as it reflects the views of local people and we hope to continue to reach as wide an audience as possible".

As part of the consultation, the Authority is also holding a workshop for its stakeholders on 25 November 2011. This will be followed by a Police Authority Forum for members of the public on 28 November 2011. Details of the time and venue of these events will be announced in due course.

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Notes to Editors

About Durham Police Authority

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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