



Durham Police Authority

PRESS RELEASE

Demolition of Aykley Heads Sports Centre

The demolition of the Aykley Heads Sports Centre is due to start next Monday, September 26.

O'Brien Demolition Ltd has been awarded the contract to demolish the centre, which closed earlier this year.

Demolition will start following a successful application to Natural England to secure a licence to demolish the building and the securing of planning approval to demolish.

The first phase will involve stripping out the asbestos from the building, with the physical demolition due to follow in mid-October. It is expected that the building will be completely demolished in early November.

Demolition of the Sports Centre will not affect the annual Bonfire Night event, which will take place on the Aykley Heads site as normal this year, on November 5.

Durham Police Authority has agreed that this popular public event will continue to be held for the foreseeable future and discussions are ongoing with Partners.

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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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