



Durham Police Authority

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## Police Authority approve Overtime and Deployment Review project for Force

Durham Police Authority continues to ensure value for money by approving a new 'Overtime and Deployment Review' project, for Durham Constabulary.

Regular budget monitoring reports are received by the Police Authority's Finance, Audit and Resources Committee following requests from Police Authority Members to provide further details which enables the Authority to challenge the figures and review activity costs as well as the traditional functional analysis of the committee.

This follows an announcement from the Home Office earlier this year, before the change in government, of their plan to cut overtime by £70m a year. Since then the new coalition government has advised of further budget cuts of £1.3m to Durham Constabulary's funding.

Mr Peter Thompson, Chair of Durham Police Authority said:

**"This new 'Overtime and Deployment Review' project enables the Police Authority to 'dig deeper' in terms of challenging the Constabulary's spend in respect of overtime and deployment costs. The Authority is constantly looking at ways of providing value for money in policing, and the addition of recent government budget cuts means this project is an ideal opportunity to look at streamlining policing costs".**

### 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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