



Durham Constabulary

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DEMOLITION OF AYKLEY HEADS SPORTS CENTRE BEGINS

The demolition of the Aykley Heads sports centre at the police headquarters site in Durham has started.

Contractors are currently on site and are expected to complete the demolition by early November.

Police Authority chairman Peter Thompson said: "I regret the closure of the sports centre and the decision was not taken lightly by the Police Authority, but we felt that we had little choice in light of the severe spending cuts that have been imposed on us by the Government.

"The alternative would have been to increase council tax to continue to pay for it which we did not want to do. The decision means however, that we can continue to provide the best possible policing service to the people of Durham and Darlington."

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Attached photo shows Durham Police Authority Chair, Peter Thompson and Durham Constabulary Assistant Chief Officer, Gary Ridley at the site of the demolition.

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