



Durham Police Authority

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'Your Police, Your Say' Surgery

Durham Police Authority is committed to consulting and involving the community to help inform and shape the direction, priorities and plans of policing in County Durham and Darlington.

The Police Authority is inviting you to attend a 'Your Police, Your Say' surgery on Thursday 1 December 2011 in the Fountain Room at Ramside Hall Hotel, Carrville, Durham from 9.30 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.

At 9.30 a.m. there will be the opportunity to discuss local policing issues and priorities with Members of the Police Authority and the Chief Constable and his staff.

The surgery will be followed by a meeting of the Police Authority and a warm invitation is extended to you to attend the open session of the meeting when the Police Authority discusses its general business.

Mr Peter Thompson, Chair of Durham Police Authority said:

"We are always looking at every opportunity available to us about ways and means to consult and engage with all our communities. As Council tax payers, everyone invests in the policing services of County Durham and Darlington. We are determined therefore that the views of everyone should be heard and taken into account when decisions are made and feel that the Your Police, Your Say session is a useful way to communicate with members of the public.

Some people might say why would a Police Authority have a consultation event at a Hotel and Golf Course venue. Well, the answer is that there will be a number of events taking place and organised with the support of the Police Authority throughout the 1st December. The day will conclude in the evening with the holding of an awards evening to recognise the tremendous effort of so many individuals and groups who have made a substantial contribution to making County Durham and Darlington being one of the safest places to live and work".

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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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