



## Durham Police Authority

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### **Police Authority to consult on setting its Budget for 2012/13**

Durham Police Authority will be meeting with National Non-Domestic Rate Payers (NNDR) and its Citizens' Panel on Tuesday 17 January to discuss the policing budget proposals for 2012/13.

The Police Authority finances its budget with funding from government grants, council tax payments and non-domestic rates. Non-domestic rates, or business rates, are collected by local authorities from occupants of non-domestic properties.

Members of the public are also welcome to attend the Citizens' Panel to feed in their views on the proposals. This meeting will take place on Tuesday 17 January 2012 at 5.30 p.m. at County Hall, Durham.

Mr Peter Thompson, Chairman of Durham Police Authority said:

"This time of year is always difficult for the Authority and it is important that we consult widely with the general public, through the Citizens' Panel and through meetings with the business community.

We are determined to put front-line policing at the forefront of our priorities and the Police Authority will continue to support the Chief Constable and his officers in every way possible to ensure that the Constabulary maintains its status as one of the best performing Forces in the whole of the Country"

**ENDS**

### **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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