



# Durham Police Authority

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### **Durham Police Authority Travels across Constabulary area**

The Police Authority's Members and Senior Police Officers will be visiting Darlington next week to talk to members of the public to obtain their views on local policing issues.

Durham Police Authority is dedicated to consulting and involving the community to set the strategic direction of local policing to ensure that everyone benefits from a better police service in County Durham and Darlington.

The Police Authority is holding its second 'Your Police, Your Say' session at 9.30am on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February at Darlington Town Hall.

The Police Authority is asking the public for just a little of their time, to give their views and discuss their issues with members from the Police Authority and Senior Police Officers. The public will also be able to obtain a variety of information on the work of the Police Authority and how they can get further involved to help shape local policing delivery.

The Police Authority has also invited local school children along to the event in recognition that the Police Authority value the views of what young people think about policing.

Following the 'Your Police, Your Say' session will be the meeting of the Police Authority at 10.30am where members of the public are invited to attend the open session of the meeting where the Authority discusses its general business.

Mr Peter Thompson, Chair of Durham Police Authority said

"The new 'Your Police, Your Say' sessions are being held across Durham Constabulary's force area to reach a wider audience, who may not otherwise give us their views. It's extremely important that we speak to people face to face because everybody who lives or works in County Durham and Darlington is affected by local policing; therefore, we need their input to help us provide a service that reflects their needs.

We value the views of all of our diverse communities and inviting local school children along to our meetings is just one of the ways that we gather balanced information.”

For further information about ‘Your Police, Your Say’ Session please

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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 be the effective voice of our communities in securing delivery of the highest quality policing.”**

Our mission

**“Working in partnership to ensure fair, effective and visible policing”**

The Authority aims to: -

- Exercise strong and effective leadership in partnership working
- Engage positively with our Citizens and Communities to build confidence in local policing.
- Promote equality, tolerance and respect for human rights.
- Scrutinise and challenge police performance & procedures to secure continuous improvement
- Ensure Effective use of resources

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