



Durham Police Authority

PRESS RELEASE

Thursday 28th May

'Your Police, Your Say' Session

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 our 'Your Police, Your Say' session on Friday 5th June 2009, starting at 9.30am, at Sedgefield Community College, Hawthorn Road, Sedgefield, County Durham, TS21 3DD.

At 9.30am 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 meeting of the Police Authority will be held at 10.30am and a warm invitation is extended to you to attend the open session of the meeting when the Police Authority discusses its general business.

The meeting is open to Young People of the Sedgefield Community College.

Mr Peter Thompson, Chairman of Durham Police Authority said

"We are currently looking at a variety of ways we can consult even further with you and propose to hold most of our meetings in the community that we represent. As local tax payers, you invest in the police services for County Durham and Darlington, so we feel that your views should be taken into account when we make our decisions.

"We have already held meetings in Durham and Darlington and we are open for other suggestions for meetings to be held out in our wider communities."

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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