

Your Police Authority

Dear Resident

At this time each year we write to tell you about our budget for the coming financial year and explain how much of your Council Tax is to be spent on policing your neighbourhood and on other Force activities.

Humberside Police Authority is an independent body made up of local people (Councillors, Magistrates and Independent Members) who are responsible for maintaining an efficient and effective police service. It is our responsibility to set the budget and local objectives for the police and to hold the Chief Constable to account for the performance of the Force.

The performance of Humberside Police has improved significantly over the last two years and the progress that has been made was recognised in May 2007 when the Home Office discontinued its regime of close scrutiny of Force activity.

The Authority now needs to ensure that resources continue to be provided to maintain and sustain the improvements that have been made. We are in a strong financial position and committed to investing now to modernise the service and to introduce effective and efficient processes to improve operations. With the programme of newly built and refurbished Neighbourhood Policing Team bases almost complete we now need to invest in the rest of the Force estate, particularly in custody facilities, and also in new technology.

Last year the Police Authority informed you of our plans to recruit Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs). I am pleased to report that we are now well on the way to filling our full establishment of 332 officers. The introduction of PCSOs has been a success and they have been well received by you. They now form an integral part of our Neighbourhood Policing Teams and are a key element in our approach to addressing local crime, community safety issues and problem solving.

The Force and Authority have also continued to work jointly with colleagues in the Yorkshire Region, working through a Joint Police Authorities' Committee, to address issues such as strategic roads policing, serious and organised crime and other major high level cross border threats as well as examining the response to these issues within our own Force area.

This leaflet once again gives you the opportunity to have your say on policing in the Humberside Area and we will continue to listen to what you have to say. Over 1,300 residents returned

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last year's questionnaire and told us that violent crime, burglary and drug dealing were still your top three priority policing issues. When we asked for your general thoughts on policing in the area you told us once more that an increased police presence was still needed. These comments together with those from other surveys, consultation exercises and feedback from local partners were fed directly into the development of the policing priorities for the coming year which in turn determine how we allocate resources.

Please take the time to complete the attached questionnaire and return it to us (you don't need to attach a stamp). Your views and opinions are important and they really do matter.



Alene Branton MBE
Chair, Humberside Police Authority

Copies of this leaflet in other languages and formats can be made available on request.

Your Police Service

In an emergency dial 999 if:

- Life is at risk
- Crime is in progress
- Violence is being used
- An accident involving serious injury or danger is in progress

For all other enquiries call the
Humberside Police
single non-emergency number

0845 60 60 222



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Your Neighbourhood Your Priorities



Council Tax Information
2008 – 2009

Your Area

Humberside Police cover an area of over 1350 sq. miles and are responsible for policing nearly 900,000 people, employing 2,284 police officers, 332 PCSOs, 372 Specials, supported by 1,613 police staff. Policing is primarily delivered by four Divisions covering the same areas as the four local authorities, North East Lincolnshire Council (A Division), North Lincolnshire Council (B Division), the East Riding of Yorkshire Council (C Division) and Kingston upon Hull City Council (D Division). Each area also has its own Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) and Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) on which the Police Force and Authority are represented.

Performance of Your Police Service

Since we last wrote to you, crime levels have continued to fall. The figures shown below, comparing the figures from April to December 2007 with the same period in 2006, demonstrate this and the improved performance of the Force:

- All recorded crime down 13.5%
- Domestic burglary down 20.7%
- Robberies down 16%
- Violent crime down 17.7%
- Vehicle crime down 22.5%
- Criminal damage down 18.0%
- Sanction detections up from 22.8% to 30.8%.

Your Priorities

This year, priorities for policing your neighbourhoods are:

- Improve public confidence in Humberside Police
- Work with partners to reduce and detect priority crimes (with a particular focus on domestic violence and drug related crime)
- Work with partners to reduce the incidence of anti-social behaviour (with a particular focus on alcohol related issues)
- Protective services.

Your Money

The Police Authority approved a net revenue budget of £173.340m for 2008/09, after using reserves of £5.433m, an increase of £5.213m over 2007/08. We have agreed a precept that results in a Council Tax increase of 4.50%. What you will have to pay depends on the Council Tax band of your property. Individual tax increases, where the money comes from and what it is spent on are shown below:

Band	2007/08 £	2008/09 £	Increase £
A	99.72	104.21	4.49
B	116.34	121.58	5.24
C	132.96	138.94	5.98
D	149.58	156.31	6.73
E	182.82	191.05	8.23
F	216.06	225.78	9.72
G	249.30	260.52	11.22
H	299.16	312.62	13.46

The money comes from:	2007/08 £m	2008/09 £m
Police Grant	62.939	66.105
Business Rates	50.587	51.794
Revenue Support Grant	8.490	7.210
Other	3.879	3.905
Precept	42.232	44.326
Total	168.127	173.340

The revenue budget is spent on:	2008/09 £m
Police Officers	91.524
Support Staff	45.161
Other Employee Costs	21.860
Other Expenditure	30.851
	189.396
Less Income	10.623
	178.773
Less Use of Reserves	5.433
Total Budget (Net of Reserves)	173.340

The Police Authority has also agreed a Capital Programme for 2008/09 as set out below:

Spend Category	£m	Financing	£m
Estate	6.934	Borrowing	9.349
Vehicles/Equipment	2.554	Capital Grant	2.164
IT/Communications	2.025		
Total	11.513	Total	11.513

Any questions regarding the finances of the Authority should be addressed to: The Director of Performance and Resources, Humberside Police Authority, Pacific Exchange, 40 High Street, Hull, HU1 1PS. Tel: 01482 334820 or visit www.humberside-pa.org.uk

Your Views

Questionnaires received by the end of June 2008 will be analysed and taken into account in determining the priorities for policing your neighbourhood.

Did you find this precept information . . .

Interesting? Yes No

Informative? Yes No

We recognise that there are a number of challenges we have to meet and do so by prioritising them. Please indicate your priorities by numbering them in order (1 = most important, 10 = least important) . . .

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Burglary | <input type="checkbox"/> Car Crime |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Speeding | <input type="checkbox"/> Drink Driving |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drug Dealing/Taking | <input type="checkbox"/> Anti-social Behaviour |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Violent Crime | <input type="checkbox"/> Vandalism/Graffiti |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Theft/Shoplifting | <input type="checkbox"/> Neighbour Disputes |

How would you say the level of crime has changed in your area over the last year?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A lot more crime | <input type="checkbox"/> A lot less crime |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A little more crime | <input type="checkbox"/> A little less crime |
| <input type="checkbox"/> About the same | <input type="checkbox"/> Not sure/Don't know |

Do you think that Humberside Police are meeting your needs?

- Yes No Don't Know

Please add any other comments you wish to make:

I live in . . . E Riding Hull NE Lincs N Lincs

The area I live in is . . . Urban Rural

My age is: 16-24 25-44 45-64 65+

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