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## Three Independent Members of Humberside Police Authority Appointed.

Humberside Police Authority has announced that Alene Branton has been reappointed as an Independent Member of the Authority, alongside two new members, George Southern and Helen Groves.

Ms Branton has served a previous four year term on the Authority, and was appointed Vice-Chair in 2005. She has also served as Chair of the Consultation and Partnership Committee. After her appointment was confirmed she said: "I'm absolutely delighted to be back! There is so much that we can contribute and I find being a member of the Authority fascinating, particularly as we move forward through the next phase of police reform."

Helen Groves from Crowle, near Scunthorpe, was Vice Principal / Director of Teaching and Learning at North Lindsey College in Scunthorpe until March this year and also carries out inspections for colleges, training providers, prisons and adult and community learning centres looking at performance and value for money. Commenting on her appointment she said: "I felt that there were some very good parallels between the education sector and policing and hope that my experience in education will be useful in my work serving on the Police Authority."

The third new member is a former treasurer to the Authority, George Southern from Walkington near Hull. Now retired, Mr Southern was Director of Finance for Humberside County Council from 1988 to 1996 and Graduate Teaching Assistant for the University of Hull from 2001 to 2004.

Mr Southern was Treasurer to the Authority from 1987 – 1996, so he is equipped with a great deal of experience and a good understanding of the role. “I’ve worked in the public sector for 40 years,” he said, “and after all that time I wanted to give something back. I understand the financial issues facing any public sector organisation and I felt that I have both the time and ability to make a valuable contribution.”

The Authority has a total of five independent members who are members of the public who have responded to local advertisements for the role. They, plus nine elected councillor members and three magistrate members comprise the full, seventeen strong, establishment that ensures an efficient and effective police service for Humberside.

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