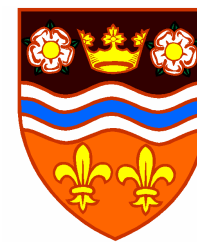


PRESS INFORMATION



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Police Authority's Independent Face

At HumberSide Police Authority's AGM, held today (19th June, 2007), independent member Alene Branton MBE was unanimously elected as the new Chair of the Authority. This is the first time in its history that HumberSide Police Authority has had an independent member as Chair.

Ms Branton, who was awarded the MBE in 2006 for services to the Community in the HumberSide police area, said she was delighted with her new role. She has been the Vice-Chair of the Authority since 2005.

"I'm touched and honoured at the confidence my colleagues have placed in me. I should say that I won't be following in anyone else's footsteps, I will be making my own. My appointment also signals a new direction for the Police Authority: the force has now achieved disengagement; we have seen significant improvements in performance and I feel that we can almost touch the light at the end of the tunnel."

Andrew Smith JP was elected as the new Vice-Chair and also Chair of the Human Resources Committee. He said after the meeting: "This heralds the start of a very interesting period for HumberSide Police and I think that we will see things go from strength to strength. I hope that my background in the private sector, in people, processes and systems, will be an important link in our workforce modernisation programme."

HumberSide Police Authority is made up of seventeen members. There are nine elected (councillor) members, three magistrates and five independent members who are selected from the local community. The Police Authority is an independent body whose main responsibility is to ensure an efficient and effective police service for the area.

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