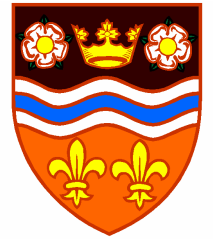


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POLICE AUTHORITY

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## Police Authority Seeks Independent Members

HumberSide Police Authority has launched a campaign to attract three new Independent Members to join the Authority. The Authority is seeking people to serve for a four year term (from October 2008) alongside the nine elected (local councillor) members and five other independent members.

It is hoped that those joining will bring a wide range of experience and skills to the Authority, to help it strengthen its scrutiny of the police service on behalf of local people. The Authority hopes to attract a wide range of applicants to reflect the diversity of HumberSide.

Chair of the Police Authority, Ms Alene Branton MBE, herself an Independent Member, explained more: "If you find policing interesting, then this gives you the opportunity to get involved and help shape delivery. It's a fascinating role and one which I thoroughly enjoy.

"Independent members bring widespread skills and understanding to the Authority, which helps us consider all angles when we make our decisions."

The role attracts an annual allowance plus expenses and there is an expected minimum commitment of eight hours per week. Members are expected to:

- attend all Authority meetings and appropriate committees and panels;
- participate in public consultation on local policing issues, including evening meetings and public speaking;
- keep abreast of developments in both local and national policing; and
- represent the Authority in discussions with interested parties.

Ms Branton added: "Being a Police Authority member is not just about attending meetings. It's also important that we get out and about, meeting local people and then ensuring that local communities' views about policing are listened to and acted upon by the Force."

In addition to setting and monitoring the budget, the Police Authority consults extensively with the public about local policing issues, ensuring that their views are taken into account when policing priorities are agreed.

It is also responsible for the appointment of the Chief, Deputy Chief and Assistant Chief Constables, and working with them, sets local objectives and monitors performance against targets.

Anyone interested in the role who would like further information or an application pack is advised to contact the Authority by telephone 01482 317001 or email [member@humberside-pa.karoo.co.uk](mailto:member@humberside-pa.karoo.co.uk) or alternatively download the information from the website at [www.humberside-pa.org.uk](http://www.humberside-pa.org.uk)

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