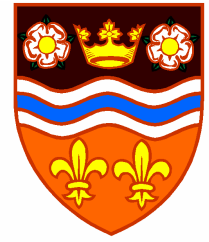


PRESS INFORMATION



HUMBERSIDE
POLICE AUTHORITY

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Police Authority Welcomes New Member

HumberSide Police Authority has welcomed the appointment of a new independent member, Mrs Ros Taylor MBE, who joins the 17 strong Authority membership after the latest recruitment process.

Mrs Taylor brings a wealth of experience to the Authority. Former posts include the Chair of the Humber Mental Health Teaching NHS Trust and Chief Executive of Boothferry Council for Voluntary Service. She is currently a member of the Yorkshire and Humber Regional Committee of the Heritage Lottery Fund and is developing a consultancy devoted to supporting the 'Third Sector'.

Explaining why she wanted to become a member of the Police Authority, she said that her interest in policing was long standing. "I was keen to become more actively involved in policing," said Mrs Taylor. "My work with Boothferry CVS included the delivery of the Goole Community Safety Project and latterly I have seen first hand the police activity and responsibilities surrounding people with both mental health and addiction problems.

"I believe that my previous roles will help me to contribute to the strategic decisions made by the Police Authority."

Mrs Taylor, who is married with two grown up daughters, has lived in Howden for over 30 years.

The role commences on October 1st 2008 after an application process which attracted over 274 requests for application packs and is initially for a term of four and a half years.

Chair of the Police Authority, Ms Alene Branton MBE, said that Mrs Taylor's application was outstanding – in a very strong list of candidates. Welcoming her to the Authority, Ms Branton said: "I'm sure that Mrs Taylor will swiftly make a very valuable contribution. Her vast experience in health care and voluntary service will be a huge asset to the Authority and I look forward to working with her."

Former magistrate members, Clive Palmerley and Andrew Smith were also appointed as independent members following a change in Government legislation.

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