



# PRESS INFORMATION

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## Partners Prioritising Policing

Representatives from a wide range of agencies across all four local authority areas in the Humberside Police area joined members of Humberside Police Authority and Chief Officers from Humberside Police at a special workshop organised by the Police Authority to discuss policing priorities for the coming year.

Attendees included executives from the Local Strategic Partnerships, Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships, the Humberside Criminal Justice Board and the Government Office for Yorkshire and Humberside to ensure that partner views were aired and taken on board.

The priorities, based on the outcomes of this special meeting, will be finalised by the Police Authority when it meets on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

Chair of the Authority, Ms Alene Branton MBE, explained that partnership working is a vital component in policing. "All these organisations work together to address crime and disorder issues so it seemed not only polite, but critical to the success of our work, to include their views as we looked at the priorities for policing," she said.

"The meeting aimed to set the strategic direction for the policing plan, take into account the priorities of our different partners and the views of local people, and find a consensus on the measurement of those priorities. It was a most constructive event and I'm pleased that so many people from different organisations took part."

As a result of the feedback from the meeting the areas being put forward for inclusion in the annual policing plan are:

- Continuing to raise confidence and satisfaction in Humberside Police
- Tackling local neighbourhood issues and providing regular feedback
- Reducing and detecting crime with partners, with a specific focus on business crime, house burglary, domestic violence and anti-social behaviour
- Protecting the public from serious and organised crime, criminal use of the roads and terrorist activities
- Ensuring the best use of resources.

"We have to balance the Government's single target of raising confidence with local priorities," explained Ms Branton.

“We also need to look at how well the force is meeting the aspirations of the Policing Pledge and how we communicate that with the public. Therefore we must agree how to measure performance in the areas that matter most to the public and what success will look like.

“It is important that these measures actually mean something to people, so we need to keep them practical.

“Over the coming months the Authority will carefully monitor how well the force is meeting these targets, looking for fluctuations in performance and the reasons for any changes. Historically, by setting challenging targets, the performance of the force has been driven up in the key areas of concern to the public and our partners. Therefore, whatever targets are agreed by the Authority, they will raise the bar once more, to bring about further improvements.”

Areas where public consultation has led to the Authority demanding improvements include Commercial Burglary, which is down by 132 offences, criminal damage which has fallen by over 2000 offences and anti-social behaviour incidents have decreased by 1,032 offences.

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