



HUMBERSIDE POLICE AUTHORITY

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Statement From Humberside Police Authority

Humberside Police Authority's Performance Committee met today to look at a number of different areas of police force performance. Following concern from members over the past twelve months regarding the time taken to complete Criminal Record Bureau (CRB) checks, the Chief Constable presented a report to update members on progress.

After the meeting, Chair of the Authority, Ms Alene Branton, MBE, said: "The Police Authority had previously raised concerns regarding CRB checks, the number outstanding and the time taken to complete each one, following their own scrutiny processes and complaints that had been received.

"Members felt that the situation was unacceptable and had asked for improvements to be made. They also requested that the report that was discussed today be prepared with full disclosure on the situation.

"That said, we would stress that accuracy should not be compromised for speed but obviously there is an acceptable timeframe for completion, which the Force is not meeting at the present time.

"Today, members considered the Chief Constable's report carefully before asking that he improves performance significantly.

"Members have requested that the situation is addressed as a matter of extreme urgency. They have furthermore demanded that a report to update them on the improvements that have been made be brought to the full Authority when it meets in June.

"We will not let this matter rest until we are satisfied that sustainable improvements have been made. Previously, the Authority has placed this emphasis on issues such as call handling and overall crime numbers. We have been rewarded by significant uplifts in performance on these occasions and have every confidence that this will happen again."

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