



## HUMBERSIDE POLICE AUTHORITY

# PRESS INFORMATION

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### 6000 People Wanted by Humberside Police Authority

Humberside Police Authority is looking for six thousand members of the public to provide vital information leading to policing improvements in the Humberside area.

The Authority has agreed to introduce a 6000-strong Citizens' Panel dedicated to considering police and community safety issues in the Humberside area.

The entire panel will consist of 6000 people with each of the four territorial divisions in the Humberside Police area represented by 1500 people to ensure that localised variations in views are highlighted.

The opinions provided will be used by the Authority to shape the delivery of local policing services.

The Authority has commissioned Hull-based research company SMSR to recruit panel members and manage the project.

Chair of the Police Authority, Ms Alene Branton MBE, explained: "The future for policing is challenging and it is really important that we use local people's opinions to influence our decisions.

"We will be asking them their views on issues such as feelings of safety, budgets, what matters most to them, fear of crime and neighbourhood policing.

"This is one of our most ambitious projects and we will carry out about two surveys a year. The panels will run alongside our other surveys and face to face discussions. We are confident that, together, they will ensure that we understand what really matters to local people so that we can work towards addressing those issues and meeting expectations."

The feedback from the first round of questioning will be used when the Authority considers its budget and policing priorities for the next year.

Once underway, the findings will be shared with partners to avoid duplication of consultation and hopefully to secure shared resourcing.

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