



HUMBERSIDE POLICE AUTHORITY

PRESS INFORMATION

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NEW CHAIR FOR HUMBERSIDE POLICE AUTHORITY

Members of Humberside Police Authority unanimously elected Cllr Chris Matthews as their new Chair for the coming year at the Authority's Annual General Meeting held today (29th June 2010).

Cllr Matthews, the former Chair of East Riding Council, said that he was delighted to have been appointed. "Firstly I would like to pay tribute to Alene Branton MBE, who was the Chair for the last three years before she stepped down in May," he said. "This is a wonderful opportunity to continue the progress the previous Chairs have made and make sure that local people receive the policing service they deserve.

"There are undoubtedly some serious challenges ahead and the way in which policing is delivered will have to change. But our main aim will not. The Authority will continue to make sure that local people continue to receive an outstanding policing service.

"We are here to safeguard policing on behalf of local people, which is why I want to hear from people, not just when things aren't going so well, but when they are pleased with the service that they have received, so that we can learn from this."

Cllr Matthews went on to say that he felt his experience of change management and public sector reorganisation will stand him in good stead in the coming months. "I've been a councillor for over 10 years," he said. "I understand public expectations and the need to protect frontline policing. This is why we will work with the new Government to develop their proposals for policing, so that local concerns can be taken into account.

"To do this effectively, I want to raise the visibility of the Police Authority, so that people know who to turn to and how they can put their views across. It's important that people understand that there is an independent body working on their behalf to represent their views."

Members also elected Cllr Stephen Beasant as their new Vice-Chair. This will be Mr Beasant's first term as Vice-Chair.

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Background Information

Humberside Police Authority is made up of 17 members; eight independent members and nine councillors nominated by local authorities. Police Authorities are independent bodies that hold the Police Force to account on behalf of local communities.

Local Police Authorities along with the Home Secretary and Chief Officers of Police make up the tripartite relationship which is responsible for the governance of policing in England and Wales.