



HUMBERSIDE POLICE AUTHORITY

PRESS INFORMATION

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Police Authority Welcomes Inspection Report

Humberside Police Authority has welcomed the findings of the first joint HMIC (Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary) and Audit Commission Inspection of the Police Authority, the independent watchdog responsible for overseeing the delivery of local policing and checking that local policing priorities are met.

The report highlights the progress the Authority has made over the last few years, driving performance improvements and effectively holding the Chief Constable to account. The inspectors, who spent a week looking closely at every aspect of the Authority's work, found that overall the Authority is performing adequately and its performance is improving.

The inspectors identified that the Authority was one of the main drivers behind the overall drop in crime across the Humberside Police area, using a good balance of support and challenge. The report highlights that the Authority has made positive improvements in its own performance and is clear about what it needs to do better.

The Authority's partnership working was considered to be good and the report states that the Authority has a good understanding of the views of local people in relation to policing. It accepted that work is underway to understand the needs of the diverse communities by engaging with diverse groups more effectively.

Acting Chair of the Authority, David Rudd, said that the report verified the progress that the Authority has made over the last few years. "We are pleased to see that the inspectors acknowledged the way in which our scrutiny and challenge has driven better outcomes," he said. "It was particularly rewarding to see the report note that we obtain the views of local people and use them to influence policing priorities for the area, as a great deal of hard work has been put into our consultation activities.

"It is our job to safeguard policing on behalf of local people, ensuring that the police service is effective and efficient. As such the Inspection considered every

area of our work, finding our performance adequate, but repeatedly highlighting the fact that further improvements are already underway.

“While naturally we are pleased with the positive findings in this report, we are not complacent, recognising that there is always more to do.

“Where improvements are needed we will address these carefully, looking at all of the reports and feedback that the Authority has received and implementing a planned process designed to ensure continual improvement.”

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The report will be available from 24th June 2010. Copies of the report are available from Humberside Police Authority or from the Audit Commission website at www.audit-commission.gov.uk and the HMIC website <http://www.hmic.gov.uk/Inspections/Pages/Policeauthorityinspections.aspx>