



HUMBERSIDE
POLICE AUTHORITY

MEDIA INFORMATION

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Humberside Police Authority Reveals Future Plans for Policing

The plan for policing for the next four years has been agreed today following approval from Humberside Police Authority. Members recognised that the Authority may well be abolished in just over 12 months time, but they needed to give the Chief Constable and local people clarity for the direction of policing.

Importantly, whilst the plan takes account of the emerging national picture and the harsh financial position, it demonstrates how the Authority and Humberside Police will work together to continue to improve the public's satisfaction with policing and reduce levels of local crime and anti-social behaviour.

The aims within the Policing Plan have been developed taking into account views of local people after over 4000 residents completed the Police Authority's survey as part of the BIG Conversation.

Cllr Chris Matthews, Chairman of Humberside Police Authority said:

"The public has had a larger impact on the Policing Plan than usual this year. They have told us what is important to them, what their main requirements are from Humberside Police and this is reflected in the challenge the Authority has set; I'd like to take this opportunity to thank those residents who took part in any of the BIG Conversation activity."

The BIG Conversation also included focus groups and online forums that gave local people alternative ways to have their say and tell the Police Authority what their top priorities are for Humberside Police.

Cllr Matthews continued:

"The public told us their top priority is responsiveness – you want the police to be there when you need them and to deal with your call effectively when you dial

999. The Members have taken that on board and as part of the aim to improve trust, confidence and satisfaction we have agreed a priority is to continue to answer those calls effectively”.

“Members recognise there has been a phenomenal improvement with call handling by Humberside Police over the past few years, and that should not go unacknowledged. The Force currently answer 97 out of 100 999 calls within 10 seconds and we intend for this to continue.”

Persistent offenders, who cause the most harm in our local communities, will be targeted and dealt with in a bid to reduce anti-social behaviour, criminal damage and the minor crimes that blight the lives of local communities.

These individuals will become the focus of schemes that deal with offenders using community input and resolutions, such as community payback, so that local people can see the results of effective policing and partnership working with other agencies in the criminal justice system.

Other priorities within the plan include maintaining a focus on hate crime and domestic violence and working to prevent rises in serious acquisitive crime by reducing household burglary offences.

To view the local priorities visit www.humberside-pa.org.uk. The full Policing Plan will be available from 31st March 2011. For further information please contact Claire Harrison on 01482 220793/07792 935581 or email claire.harrison@humberside.pnn.police.uk.

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Notes to Editors:

The Strategic Aims approved within the Policing Plan are as follows:

Strategic Aim 1: Improve local trust, confidence and overall satisfaction

Local Priorities 2011/12:

- Improving responsiveness – being there when needed and continuing to answer calls effectively
- Raising satisfaction of victims of crime
- Maintaining focus on hate crime and domestic violence

Strategic Aim 2: Tackling anti-social behaviour

Local Priorities 2011/12:

- Targeting neighbourhood resources where most needed (hot-spots)
- Significantly reducing criminal damage
- Dealing effectively with those who cause the most harm in our local areas (persistent offenders)

Strategic Aim 3: Reduce levels of local crime

Local Priorities 2011/12:

- Focus on hot-spots for violence
- Prevent rises in serious acquisitive crime and reduce household burglary offences
- Ensure individuals causing most harm in local areas are dealt with via Integrated Offender Management, restorative justice and any other means

Strategic Aim 4: Deliver improved performance through the best use of resources

Local Priorities 2011/12:

- Linking availability to demand
- Ensuring optimal level of public-facing officers/staff
- Regional and local collaboration

Strategic Aim 5: Maximise the capability to respond to regional and national threats

Local Priorities 2011/12:

- Mutual aid and inter-operability
- Ensure that local capability to deal with Counter Terrorism remains effective

Humberside Police Authority is an independent body that aims to secure the maintenance of an efficient and effective police force for the Humberside Police

area. The Authority sets the budget and local objectives for the Force and monitors its performance against targets set.

The Police Authority work with local people to understand what they want from policing and to find out how well policing is being delivered.