



**HUMBERSIDE**  
POLICE AUTHORITY

## **MEDIA INFORMATION**

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### **POLICE AUTHORITY WILL ENSURE A SMOOTH TRANSITION TO COMMISSIONER**

The first police and crime commissioner for the region will be elected in November 2012 after the bill proposing the changes became law earlier this month. The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act paves the way for elected commissioners to replace police authorities.

HumberSide Police Authority is keen to hand over the best possible product to the commissioner, but Cllr Wheatley believes it is also important Members continue to ensure policing meets the needs of local people.

Cllr Peter Wheatley, who will Chair the recently formed Police Authority Transition Group said:

“Although we believe that the police authority model has served the public well over the years, we now have to accept that a single commissioner will take over from the Police Authority in just over a year from now.

Work had already begun on both a local and national level on how a PCC would work and what they would need to do their job effectively. We have set up a Transition Group made up of a small number of Police Authority Members with expertise in projects such as this. Now we know the date of the election and what the commissioner must do, we can start to put things in place so that he or she has the capability and capacity to carry out their role in the best interests of local people.

However we are all still focused and committed to the most important task at hand, namely ensuring local people get the best possible policing - Members still believe they can achieve a great deal over the next 13 months.”

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Notes to Editors:

1. For further information contact Claire Harrison on 01482 220793 or email [claire.harrison@humberside.pnn.police.uk](mailto:claire.harrison@humberside.pnn.police.uk).
2. 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.
3. The Police Authority work with local people to understand what they want from policing and to find out how well policing is being delivered.
4. The Authority currently comprises 16 Members - 9 local authority Elected Members from the area's four Unitary Authorities and 7 Independent Members. Local Authority Members are appointed annually and the other Members are appointed for a period of four years.