



## HUMBERSIDE POLICE AUTHORITY

# MEDIA INFORMATION

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### ROS TAYLOR APPOINTED AS NEW POLICE AUTHORITY CHAIR

Independent Member Ros Taylor MBE has been appointed as Chair of Humberside Police Authority at today's Annual General Meeting.

Mrs Taylor will be replacing East Riding Councillor Chris Matthews in the hot seat. She takes over as Chair in a challenging but exciting period for policing, where significant budget reductions will soon start to take effect, collaboration with other Forces in the region picks up speed and the ever increasing debate and uncertainty around the introduction of Police and Crime Commissioners next May.

Having successfully chaired the Humber Mental Health NHS Trust for eight years, she has the qualities to take the Authority forward. She also brings considerable experience of working with the voluntary sector having led the development of a £1.2m social enterprise centre in Goole.

On her appointment Mrs Taylor said:

"It is a real privilege to be asked to be chair of the Police Authority and I am hugely looking forward to working with all the members of the Police Authority, the Chief Constable and his team, leaders of local authorities and fellow Chairs in the Police Authorities in Yorkshire region.

Together members have today agreed a clear direction for the way forward. We are all focused and committed to the most important task at hand, namely ensuring local people get the best possible policing. In this next year I believe we can achieve a great deal. However, I am under no illusions about the difficulty of the challenges ahead, but we will meet those difficult issues and not shirk from our responsibility to the people who live, work or visit the area served by the Force.

I'd like to welcome the six new members to the Authority and I have no doubt that plenty of support will be on hand should they need it in their new roles. I'd also

like to thank the former Chairman Councillor Chris Matthews and the members who have recently left the Authority for their contributions to improving local policing.”

Cllr Jawaid Ishaq from North Lincolnshire was also appointed as Police Authority Vice Chair; he said:

“I’d like to thank members of the Police Authority for nominating me as Vice Chair. Although there are challenges ahead, we have an Authority made up of very capable independent members, local authority representatives and staff who I believe will continue to work hard with the Chief Constable to ensure the best policing service for local people.

I’d like to congratulate Ros Taylor on her appointment as Chair; she has been a very active member on the Police Authority for three years and has a good grasp of the Authority’s business, I am confident that she can lead us successfully through this next year.”

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Notes to Editors:

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.

The Authority comprises 17 Members - 9 local authority Elected Members from the area's four Unitary Authorities and 8 Independent Members. Local Authority Members are appointed annually and the other Members are appointed for a period of four years.

Appointments:

Humberside Police Authority:

Chair – Mrs Ros Taylor MBE (Independent Member)

Vice Chair – Cllr Jawaid Ishaq (North Lincolnshire)

Business Development Committee

Chair – Andrew Smith (Independent Member)

Vice Chair – Cllr Dee Sharpe (East Riding of Yorkshire)

Resources Committee:

Chair – Neil Gammon (Independent Member)

Vice Chair – Helena Spencer (Independent Member)

Policing Committee

Chair – Clive Palmerley (Independent Member)

Vice Chair – Cllr Chris Sumpton (Hull)