



## HUMBERSIDE POLICE AUTHORITY

# MEDIA INFORMATION

## Authority learns more about outstanding police work

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Humberstone Police Authority Members will hear next week about some of the outstanding police work that sits beneath the performance targets and figures and which helps give communities in the Humberstone Force area high levels of confidence in their local police.

Members regularly scrutinise Police Force performance figures and challenge senior officers but were eager to learn more about the stories that sit beneath the figures. Ros Taylor MBE Chair of the Police Authority said;

“It is really important that, on behalf of local people, we scrutinise data on crime and anti-social behaviour. However we also know that, beneath the surface, there is a story to be told about the hard and brave work our officers and staff carry out to improve life in our communities. Sometimes that work does not always result in a crime being solved and on many occasions is about helping people cope with a difficult or tragic event in their lives. Our Members want to learn more about these aspects of police work and that is why we have asked for a report from the Chief Constable.”

In the report Members will hear from Cleethorpes about how officers there dramatically improved life for residents after working with other agencies to deal with a woman who was allowing her house to become a magnet for local drunks. From Scunthorpe they will learn how, thanks to the help of the public in Belfast, officers tracked down a sex offender who had absconded and was repatriated and charged with several offences under the Sex Offences Prevention Order. From the East Riding Members will be told how police officers there helped get a distressed father to the Isle of Man to see his son who had been seriously injured in an accident. In Hull they will be told how an off duty officer tackled two people he saw acting suspiciously outside a house and after a violent struggle arrested them. Both were found in possession of stolen property and charged with house burglary.

Assistant Chief Constable Stuart Donald, who will present the report to the Policing Committee when they meet on 31<sup>st</sup> January said;

“At 87%, public confidence in Humberside Police is very high and above the target the Police Authority set us. The examples in this report are just a sample of some of the hard and brave work our officers do 24 hours a day 7 days a week. While there is much to celebrate in the way we have driven down crime and reduced disorder there is also a very human side to our work, one of care and compassion, which I firmly believe helps explain why local people have such high confidence in the service we provide.”

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Notes to Editors:

1. For further information contact Paul Cheeseman on 01482 220735 or email [paul.cheeseman@humberside.pnn.police.uk](mailto:paul.cheeseman@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. The Police Authority works with local people to understand what they want from policing and to find out how well policing is being delivered. 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.
3. As detailed in the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act, directly elected **Police and Crime Commissioners** will replace Police Authorities in November 2012.
4. Humberside Police Authority will ensure a smooth transition to Police and Crime Commissioners remaining focused and committed to ensuring outstanding policing for local people.
5. Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) will:
  - a. Appoint (and will be able to fire) Chief Constables - the Chief Constable will appoint all other officers
  - b. Determine local policing priorities, publish a Police and Crime Plan, set a local precept and set the annual force budget (including contingency reserves) in discussion with Chief Constables and taking into account the views of the Police and Crime Panel.
  - c. Set out a five-year Police and Crime Plan (the Plan). The plan must be issued within the financial year in which the election is held and will need to take account of national policing challenges

- d. Obtain the views of the community and victims of crime on policing before a Police and Crime Plan is issued (or varied)
- e. Receive the policing grant from the Home Office, various grants from Communities and Local Government and the local precept
- f. Commission policing services from the Chief Constable (or other providers - in consultation with the Chief Constable). These services shall be set out in the Plan where their objectives and funding will be publicly disclosed
- g. Publish an Annual Report which will set out progress made by the PCC against the objectives set out in the Plan
- h. Publish annual financial accounts which will show how resources were allocated in respect of priorities and how value for money was secured
- i. Have a general duty to regularly consult and involve the public
- j. Be required to support collaboration across force boundaries