



HUMBERSIDE POLICE AUTHORITY

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PRIORITIES SET FOR POLICING HUMBERSIDE

Humberside Police Authority has announced the policing priorities for Humberside Police in the coming year.

These local priorities have been set by the Authority following consultation with both partner organisations and the general public.

In 2009-10 there will be five local priority areas of policing:

- Raising confidence and satisfaction – increasing public confidence in and satisfaction with Humberside Police
- Neighbourhood Priorities – tackling local priorities at neighbourhood level and communicating progress
- Tackling priority crime – including work with partners to reduce and detect crime
- Protecting the public – including work with partners and local communities to protect the public from the threat of terrorism, serious organised criminality and criminal use of the roads
- Resources – ensuring the best use of resources.

These priority areas are in addition to the Home Secretary's new single confidence measure for each police force in England and Wales, which has been designed to significantly improve public confidence in policing.

By the end of March 2009, the Authority will have set the targets for each area of performance. Due to the number of people that have raised the issue of anti-social behaviour, specifically relating to 'youths causing annoyance', the

Authority has decided to ask the Force to step up its efforts to reduce anti-social behaviour involving 'youths causing annoyance'. In addition, the Force is also being asked to focus on business crime, with a specific emphasis on the reduction in the number of shoplifting and commercial burglaries.

Chair of the Authority, Ms Alene Branton MBE, said: "In setting the local priorities we have balanced the need to meet local peoples' expectations with our duty to take the wider picture into account. To be most effective, we need to ensure that the force is working at optimum efficiency, with the right people in the right place at the right time and we will monitor the use of resources very closely.

"We fully understand the need to address local issues, which differ widely across the force area, while protecting people and keeping them safe from more serious criminality. The priorities we have set encompass local needs, volume crime and protecting the public from serious crime.

"We are particularly keen to see the level of public confidence in Policing rise and there are certain areas of service delivery that we feel are key to this. Therefore we will be scrutinising the 'customer facing' element of policing to see that improvements continue to be made."

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