

MEDIA RELEASE MEDIA RELEASE

LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY

Invitation to Engage with Your Police Authority

Members of the public are being urged to attend and contribute to a Leicestershire Police Authority meeting to be held on Wednesday 23 April starting at 2.00 p.m. at Force Headquarters, Enderby.

Nominations for the election of Chairman and Vice Chairman to the Authority will be announced as well as the appointment of Chairman of Committees and member's allocation to committees, panels and outside bodies.

This meeting is an excellent opportunity for members of the public to hear how the Force is accomplishing its local policing objectives which have been set in response to what Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland people want from their police service. Performance against national targets will also be reported. The Chief Constable will give details of how the Constabulary will be making further improvements to the service, particularly in relation to working on the issues relating to services for victims and the management of sex and dangerous offenders.

As well as the opportunity to hear what is being discussed, members of the public are encouraged to ask their own questions about the work of the Police Authority. Questions from the public must be submitted to the Chief Executive no later than midday on Monday 21 April. The Chief Executive can be contacted on 0116 229 8980 or by e-mail: police.authority@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk

Byron Rhodes, Chairman of the Police Authority, said:

"The Police Authority is committed to ensuring that the people of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland have a continued opportunity to raise issues regarding Police Authority business. Authority members attend a number of public consultation events throughout the year to meet people and obtain their views on what they want from policing in their area. Inviting people to take part at meetings is just one way the Authority is encouraging people to play an active role in Police Authority matters."

Leicestershire Police Authority values your opinion, therefore, if you are unable to attend this meeting but would still like to have your views heard please visit the Police Authority website at www.leics-pa.police.uk or call 0116 2298980 for a copy of their Consultation Questionnaire or to join the Consultation Panel.

.....ENDS.....

NOTE TO EDITORS:

1. Mr Rhodes' photograph can be downloaded from the Leicestershire Police Authority website: <http://www.leics-pa.police.uk/about/members>
2. Leicestershire Police Authority monitors the Leicestershire Constabulary, which polices the area of Leicester City, Leicestershire and Rutland.
3. Police Authorities are independent bodies made up of local people. Police Authorities hold the Police Force to account on behalf of local communities.

4. Local Police Authorities along with the Home Secretary and Chief Officers of Police make up the tripartite relationship which is responsible for the governance of policing in England and Wales.