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Dear Stakeholder

Local Policing Priorities – Stakeholder Consultation

I refer to my letter dated 6 November 2008 regarding the consultation event to be held on **Friday 5th December 2008** from 10.00 a.m. in The Studio at the Gala Theatre, Millennium Place Durham. . I attach final details of the event, if you have not yet indicated that you will be attending please let me know as soon as possible to assist with catering.

As indicated in my previous letter the Authority have drawn up a long list of draft local priorities for consideration. These priorities are in addition to the national priorities identified by the Home Secretary which all forces must address (details of these national priorities are detailed overleaf for information).

To help you to consider the local priorities I have attached a list of the draft priorities, in no particular order, for those of you attending on 5 December you will be asked at the conclusion of the day to identify 3 priorities that your organisation would wish the Authority to consider including in the Plan and then to rank these from 1-3 (1 being the most important).

If however you are unable to attend the Authority would still like to hear your views and therefore I would invite you to complete the attached form highlighting your 3 choices and their ranking and return it in the envelope provided **no later than 19 December 2008**.

Please do not complete and return the form if you are attending as we will be collect your views during the event.

Yours sincerely



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National Policing Priorities 2009/10

The Home Secretary is currently consulting on the following key priorities for 2009/2010: -

- Increase public confidence in the police, reduce crime in line with Public Service Agreements (PSAs) 23 and 25 and effectively contribute to partnership working within the Criminal Justice System in line with PSA 24.
- Work jointly with police forces and other agencies such as the Serious and Organised Crime Agency (SOCA) and the United Kingdom Border Agency (UKBA) to ensure that capability and capacity exists across England and Wales to deliver effective protective services, tackle serious and organised crime and make necessary improvements.
- Work with and through partners and local communities to tackle terrorism and violent extremism in line with the counter terrorism strategy (CONTEST); and
- Work in all of the above in line with the Efficiency and Productivity Strategy for the Police Service to ensure the best use of resources to deliver: significant cashable improvements: more effective deployment of the workforce and to realise benefits of new technology.

Once the final national priorities are agreed the Government will expect all of them to be reflected in plans at local and force level. In addition the force and authority are able to add any other priorities which reflect substantial public concerns in their area.



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Annual Stakeholder Consultation Event

Friday 5th December 2008

Programme

- 0930 Registration and Refreshments**
- 1000 Welcome and introductions**
Peter Thompson, Chair, Durham Police Authority
- 1015 From the Neighbourhood to the National: Policing Green Paper**
Siobhan Weightman, Deputy Chief Executive, Durham Police Authority
- 1045 Policing Pledge & Force Strategic Assessment including the Policing Priorities**
Deputy Chief Constable Gary Barnett
- 1115 Voting on Priorities & Refreshment Break**
- 1145 Workshops Discussion**
- **Joint Community Engagement Strategy**
 - **Customer Values**
- 1245 Feedback & Close**



Durham Police Authority

2009/2010 Draft Local Policing Plan Priorities -

The Authority values your views in determining priorities and would urge you to attend the meeting

Detailed below are the draft local policing priorities being considered by the Police Authority for inclusion in the 2009/2010 Policing Plan (these are in no particular order). It is likely that a maximum of four local priorities will be included in the Policing Plan.

If you are attending the meeting on 5 December 2008 please do not complete and return this form, you will be given cards and asked to deposit them in priority order in the relevant boxes at the conclusion of the meeting

If you are unable to attend please complete the form to highlight the **3 priorities** that are most important to your organisation and rank these by indicating the order of priority using 1-3 (1 being the highest 3 the least) and provide any comments relating to assisting with delivery and return it in the envelope provided alternatively you can e-mail your views the Authority at: durham.pa.@durham.gov.uk.

PLEASE RETURN ANY FORMS NO LATER THAN 19 December 2008.

Suggested Local Policing Priorities	Please choose a <u>MAXIMUM OF 3</u> priorities and rank these from 1-3 (1 being the most important 3 the least)
<p>Make our area safer through effective Neighbourhood Policing, tackling Anti Social Behaviour and working in partnership with other agencies. Provision of effective Neighbourhood Policing is an essential element to deliver Community Safety and address issues such as Anti Social Behaviour. This is a Police Authority priority and something which Durham Constabulary has undertaken for many years now through our Community Beat Teams and continues via our Neighbourhood Policing Team. However, successful delivery of Community Safety cannot be the responsibility of the Police Service alone. We need to continue to work with our partners and other agencies to improve co-operative arrangements and develop joint strategies to reduce those crimes and nuisance behaviours which affect the quality of life in our communities and make people feel vulnerable.</p>	
<p>Reduce the harm caused by Organised Crime Groups. Organised Crime involves a wide range of criminal activities and individuals. It includes trafficking of Class A drugs, organised immigration crime and fraud. In addition, there are a wide range of other threats, including high tech crime, counterfeiting, the use of firearms by serious criminals, robbery, organised vehicle crime and intellectual property crime, to name but a few. Government has prioritised this area as requiring particular attention and Constabularies are expected to make appropriate provision to combat these types of crime and the associated groups both at local and regional level.</p>	

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<p>Reduce the harm to communities caused by the effect of alcohol and drug abuse.</p> <p>Drugs and alcohol abuse produces a range of harmful effects in communities. There are obvious links to burglary and theft, disorder, nuisance behaviour and in some areas nuisance and rowdy behaviour at night. There is a need to work closely in partnership to ensure that policing activity is aligned with that of other agencies to provide a service which will improve the quality of life for members of the public and also assist with the rehabilitation of the offender.</p>	
<p>Protecting vulnerable people from harm such as abuse, injury or assault.</p> <p>Protecting vulnerable people covers a wide range of issues such as domestic abuse, child protection, adult protection, hate crime and violent assaults. Although the Constabulary has dedicated Vulnerability Units in place to provide a proactive and effective service for those members of our communities who are affected by such crimes, this should remain a subject for consideration as a priority.</p>	
<p>Provide an effective approach to our service delivery, based on Citizen Focus, - responsive to the needs of the individual, ensuring that we engage with all of our communities within County Durham and Darlington.</p> <p>Citizen Focused Policing aims to secure and maintain high levels of satisfaction and confidence through the consistent delivery of a first class service that meets the needs of individuals and communities, and one that people will value. This is a priority subject nationally. All police forces are required to demonstrate compliance and effectiveness against the hallmarks of Citizen Focus as defined by the government.</p> <p>The hallmarks outlining the qualities of a Citizen Focus organisation are as follows;-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding People • Understanding Services • Designing Services • Delivering Services <p>The Constabulary and Authority are committed to providing a service which is valued by individuals, our communities, our partners and the people who work for us.</p>	
<p>Further streamline our processes to ensure the best possible value for money Policing Service for the people of County Durham and Darlington</p> <p>There is an increasing requirement upon all Police Services to provide greater value for money whilst improving productivity and performance. The Police Service in Durham and Darlington has already made significant steps in this connection. However, although the Constabulary has continued to achieve the efficiency targets set by the government, there is a need to realise greater cashable savings and demonstrate streamlined processes which would ultimately deliver an effective Police Service based on Citizen Focus.</p>	
<p>Improve and extend communication methods and channels, and enhance engagement mechanisms with individuals and communities across the Constabulary area.</p> <p>Communication and Engagement is currently a key area of focus by the government. The recently published Policing Pledge outlines a number of requirements which Constabularies and Authorities will need to address in terms of customer contact and access to services and information. The Joint Community Engagement Strategy which the Constabulary and Police Authority have recently published is aimed at making improvements in these areas.</p> <p>This should be considered a priority area not only because we need to achieve compliance with government initiatives but also because of the real value in enhancing the communication and engagement services which we can offer.</p>	

Name of Organisation and name and contact details of person completing form

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Please provide any comments below on how your organisation may be able to assist the Police Authority and Constabulary in delivering the local priorities you have chosen

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