

CUMBRIA AND LANCASHIRE POLICE AUTHORITIES

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PROPOSED NAME OF AMALGAMATED CONSTABULRY

Joint Report by the Chief Constables of Cumbria and Lancashire

1. SUMMARY

It is envisaged that the current constabularies of Cumbria and Lancashire will become one constabulary with effect from 1 April 2007, under the terms of an Amalgamation Order which will go before Parliament in May 2006. This report sets out the proposed name for the new organisation.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the new organisation be called Cumbria and Lancashire Constabulary.

3. DETAIL

Both constabularies have established close links with their local communities and, from the public perspective, such a name would preserve the strong reputation and identity to which people can relate and which are important to them.

Retaining the County names makes it clear that the new Constabulary will be responsible for policing both Cumbria and Lancashire. The name is easy to recognise, understand and say. There are other examples of constabularies with two part names, such as Avon and Somerset.

An early decision will enable debate to be focused on delivering the amalgamation and, taking the alphabetical approach, it is recommended that the Cumbria and Lancashire Constabulary is adopted as the new force identity.

Effective Communication of the new name to internal and external stakeholders will be key and a communication strategy is in development.