



CUMBRIA POLICE AUTHORITY

Wednesday, 1st June 2005

New members appointed at Police Authority A.G.M.

Cumbria Police Authority held its Annual General Meeting today, 1st June 2005, and its first meeting after the local authority elections in May.

At the AGM, Councillor Reg Watson was re-elected Chairman of the Authority and Mrs Lynnne Slavin, a magistrate member, was re-elected as the Authority's Vice-Chair.

Mr Watson welcomed to the meeting five new councillor members appointed to the Authority by Cumbria County Council, who were attending for the first time. They are:

- Mr Michael Ash (Eden)
- Mr Alan Barry (Allerdale)
- Mr Roy Cole (Copeland)
- Mrs Pauline Halfpenny (South Lakes)
- Mr John Mallinson (Carlisle)

Editors' note:

Cumbria Police Authority is made up of local people - a mixture of councillors, magistrates and independent members - and acts as the bridge between Cumbria Constabulary and all communities across the county in policing matters. Legally, it is responsible for:

- *setting the budget for Cumbria Constabulary, including raising local council taxes for policing;*
- *consulting and engaging with local communities in Cumbria to find out what they want the local police to tackle;*
- *setting the strategic direction for policing in Cumbria; deciding local priorities for policing and setting the Constabulary challenging targets to drive performance higher*
- *appointing (and, if necessary, dismissing) the Chief Constable; Deputy Chief Constable, and Assistant Chief Constables;*
- *monitoring and managing local police performance.*

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