



Press Release

YORKSHIRE & HUMBERSIDE POLICE AUTHORITIES JOINT COMMITTEE

The four Yorkshire and Humberside police authorities (for North, South and West Yorkshire and Humberside) are leading the way with the formation of the first Joint Committee, set up to promote and oversee collaborative working across the four police forces in the region.

Many forces do not have the capacity to provide 'protective services', that enable them to respond effectively to the threats posed by potentially extremely serious but relatively infrequent events, such as serious and organised crime, major public disorder and counter terrorism. Even though the Government's plans to merge the four forces in the region were shelved, the Home Office still wants forces to address this issue - but has given police authorities more time and freedom to come up with plans to improve protective services, without requiring amalgamations.

Initially the Joint Committee will be seeking information from the four forces about how they might work collaboratively to improve strategic roads policing and tackle serious and organised crime throughout Yorkshire and Humberside.

At its inaugural meeting on 14 September, the Joint Committee will elect a Chair and Vice-Chair and agree its internal procedures as well as hearing how the Chief Constables are developing their plans for joint working.

A further statement will be issued at the end of the first meeting, which will be held on Thursday 14 September, 2006, starting at 10am at the offices of West Yorkshire Police Authority, Ploughland House, 62 George Street, Wakefield. WF1 1DL

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