

**ACPO YOUTH JUSTICE CONFERENCE 2003**

**Joint Report of the Chief Constable, Clerk and Treasurer**

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**1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to inform members that the fourth ACPO Youth Justice Conference will be hosted by Northumbria Police.

**2 BACKGROUND**

The Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) has a long running Youth Issues Working Group and one of its many roles is to host a high profile annual 'Youth Justice' conference, which has proved, in its first three years, popular for both strategists and practitioners.

The Chief Constable has offered to host this year's conference, which will be an opportunity for Northumbria Police to build upon the success of previous conferences and to promote the excellent work carried out in this field by its staff and partners. The conference will be held on 9 and 10 October 2003, at a venue to be identified, within Newcastle upon Tyne.

This event is aimed primarily at police officers, and members of Youth Offending Teams but is also of significant interest to local authorities, magistrates, probation officers, social workers, policy makers and all those involved with young people.

This year, the focus of the conference is to share good practice, identify and discuss new legislation and debate and evaluate a broad range of current issues. The conference will include up to 30 workshops as well as a number of high profile keynote speakers from a variety of backgrounds.

**3 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

**4 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS**

The force has a positive obligation to uphold and protect rights where an identifiable risk exists and it is practicable to do so. Preventing offending by children and young people falls within Article 8, upholding and protecting a victim's right to privacy and Article 1, a victim's entitlement to the peaceful enjoyment of their possessions.

**5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

It is projected this event will be self financing, and the Treasurer confirms there are no costs arising from hosting this event.

**6 RECOMMENDATION**

Members are asked to note the contents of this report.