

## **Michael Darby** –Independent Member

Michael joined Cheshire Police Authority as a magistrate Member in December 1997. He is Chairman of the 'Have Your Say' meetings for the Western policing Area and is a member of Engagement Committee and Finance and Service Improvement Panels. Michael is lead Member for Western Rural Neighbourhood Policing Unit.

Michael serves on Police Appeals Tribunals and represents the Authority on the Crimebeat Management Committee and the Cheshire Police Museum Trust. Michael was a Vice Chairman of the Authority for four years to March 2007.

Michael started his career as a chartered accountant. He recently completed 17 years as a magistrate. He has been Chairman of Cheshire Magistrates Courts Committee, Non Executive Director of Cheshire Health Authority and Chairman of Ellesmere Port and Neston NHS Primary Care Trust. He is currently the Chairman of Cheshire Criminal Justice Board Consultative Group, Director/Trustee of Sport Cheshire, a member of Cheshire Probation Board and Chair of Governors at Parklands Community Primary School in Little Sutton. He is Chairman of Neston Sure Start Children's Centre and has previously been Chairman for Ellesmere Port Sure Start Children's Centres. Michael was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant for Cheshire in 2006.

Since joining the Cheshire Police Authority, Michael has been involved in the private finance initiatives for the development of three new custody suites and the new HQ building. Michael would like to see continued improvement in police performance and more investment through police grants.