

Michael Darby –Independent Member

Michael joined Cheshire Police Authority as a magistrate Member in December 1997. He is a member of Finance Committee and Performance & Service Improvement Panel and is lead Member for both treasury management and on environmental matters. Michael serves on Police Appeals Tribunals and represents the Authority on the Crimebeat Management Committee and the Cheshire Police Museum Trust. He is the lead Member for the Western Rural Neighbourhood Policing Unit.

Since joining the 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 started his career as a chartered accountant. He served 17 years as a magistrate. He has been involved in the Cheshire Criminal Justice Board Consultative Group, Sport Cheshire, Probation Board, Chair of Governors and Sure Start Children's Centres. Michael was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant for Cheshire in 2006.

Michael would like to see continued improvement in police performance and more investment in policing.