

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 14 DECEMBER 2012

**Statement from: Councillor P A Robinson, Executive Councillor for
Community Safety, Cohesion and Diversity**

Police and Crime Panel

The Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel (PCP) held its first formal session at East Lindsey District Council (who are providing officer support for the Panel) on Tuesday, 27 November, following an informal lunch with the newly elected Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), Alan Hardwick. Mr Hardwick formerly worked as a TV journalist and introduced the news programme Calendar on Yorkshire Television.

The main role of the PCP is to scrutinise the work of the PCC. Cllr Ray Wootten was elected as chairman, to replace Cllr Graham Dark who had to stand down due to ill health. It is anticipated that the PCP will hold four formal meetings each year, and these will be open to the public.

Flooding

At the time of writing this report, Lincolnshire has fared much better than its neighbouring counties in the current spate of floods. Although some flooding did occur in Lincoln, its impact was limited and no evacuation of properties proved necessary. Emergency Planning maintained close contact with the Environment Agency to monitor developments. From a Fire and Rescue point of view, the situation was co-ordinated on a national level, and the Lincolnshire FRS rescue boats and crews were left in place to deal with contingencies on the East Coast.

British Horse Society Award

On 2 November at the British Horse Society Annual Presentations, our Highways Department received the Rights of Way Award for the new Lindsey Trail – a new 69 mile long route for riders and carriage drivers around the Wolds. As the Lincolnshire representative for the British Driving Society, I accompanied Mr Andrew Savage, the Rights of Way officer who had worked with East Lindsey District Council to create the route.