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Hertfordshire's Diversity Engagement Forum moves forward

Hertfordshire Police Authority's Diversity Engagement Forum, including representatives from a wide range of communities across the county, held its second meeting on 2nd October.

The Forum chose its primary officers at the meeting. Linda Haye, of the Caribbean Women Equality & Diversity Forum, was elected as Chair and Jill Adam, of Churches Together in Stevenage, was elected as Vice Chair.

Workshops were held on the topics of Fear of Crime and Stop & Search literature, and the subsequent discussions were interesting and thought-provoking.

Police Authority member Sherma Batson, Chair of the Authority's Confidence & Equality Working Group, said, "The Forum's membership aims to take account of Hertfordshire's mix of race, age, gender, disability, sexuality and religion, and provides an opportunity for representatives from all our diverse communities to have a say in the way policing services are provided in the county."

The Diversity Engagement Forum will meet three times a year.

For anyone interested in joining the Forum and attending future meetings, further information and an application form are available from the Authority office:
Hertfordshire Police Authority, Leahoe House, Pegs Lane, Hertford, SG13 8DE
Tel: 01992 556600 email: enquiries.hpa@herts.pnn.police.uk

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A Jpeg photograph of Sherma Batson, Chair of the Authority's Confidence & Equality Working Group, is attached.