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NEW CHAIR FOR POLICE AUTHORITY

Stuart Nagler was elected the Chair of Hertfordshire Police Authority today (Friday) at a special meeting held in Hertford.

Speaking after the election, Stuart said: "I am delighted and honoured that my colleagues gave this vote of confidence in my ability to lead the Authority through the challenging times ahead. Hertfordshire has an excellent police force and it is our role to ensure that it continues to deliver these high standards. We must provide the strategic drive and direction for the Force and properly hold the Chief Constable to account if Hertfordshire is to remain one of the safest counties in the country. Our ultimate aim is less crime, more detections and a greater feeling of safety for all our communities."

Stuart is a Magistrate on the West Herts Bench and has been a member of the Police Authority since 2003. He was recently reappointed for a further four years. A partner in a firm of chartered accountants, Stuart has chaired the Authority's Resources Committee and been the local Lead Member for Hertsmere for a number of years but, on being elected today, has stood down from these positions.

He is also Chair of the Peace Hospice in Watford and, for the past two years, has raised money for the charity by successfully taking part in the London Marathon. Stuart is an ex-Special Constable and was formerly Mayor of Hertsmere. He has lived in Radlett for the past 34 years and is married with two sons.

A number of changes resulted in Stuart's appointment – Councillor Robert Gordon takes over from him as Chair of the Authority's Resources Committee, relinquishing his role as Chair of the Community Engagement Committee. That position has been filled by Councillor Sherma Batson MBE.

Brenda Griffiths takes over from Stuart as the Police Authority Lead member for Hertsmere.

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