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HERTFORDSHIRE POLICING PLAN LOCAL LAUNCH - A CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR SAY ON POLICING IN ST ALBANS

Hertfordshire Police Authority's annual Policing Plan will be launched on 27 March 2009. This year, the Authority is also launching the Plan in St Albans on Thursday 2 April, and local residents are invited to come along and give their views.

The event will be held in the Council Chamber, St Albans, and will be hosted by St Albans Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP). Residents are invited to come along to ask any questions they have about the new Plan, hear from local Police Authority Lead (PAL) member Bengie Walden, find out what you can expect from the Constabulary over the coming year, put questions to St Albans Chief Inspector Richard Hann and other key community safety representatives, and hear how the Constabulary hopes to meet the targets it has been set.

Bengie Walden said: "This is a great opportunity for people in the District to have a say about policing, whether praise or criticism. The Authority is required to listen to these views and reflect them in our oversight of the Constabulary. Your views will be taken seriously."

St Albans City & District Council will be launching their Community Safety Plan during the evening and officers from Hertfordshire Fire & Rescue Service will also be present to give a presentation about their Community Safety Plan, answer questions and hear your views.

Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Mark Yates, said: "Hertfordshire Police Authority is one of our main partners in many of our community safety initiatives. We are delighted to accept an invitation to be able to deliver the contents of our Community Safety Plan at the same meeting as the Police Authority launches its Policing Plan. There is so much in common between the aims of both organisations and sharing this platform is testament to the close working relationship we have with our Police Authority colleagues."

Residents are invited to attend the Policing Plan local launch from 6.30pm for refreshments, with a formal start at 7pm.

If you require any further details regarding the launch, please contact Emily Anderson, Communications & Consultation Officer at Hertfordshire Police Authority on 01992 555 628 or email emily.anderson.hpa@herts.pnn.police.uk.

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