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WOULD YOU LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HELP SHAPE POLICING IN HERTFORDSHIRE?

Hertfordshire Police Authority is looking for a local passionate and highly-driven individual to take on a much-rewarding role as an Independent Police Authority member.

The successful candidate will need to be motivated to help shape policing in Hertfordshire, through engaging with the local public, the police and local bodies.

Stuart Nagler, Chair of Hertfordshire Police Authority, said: "Independent members spend much of their time building partnerships between local people and the police, and making sure all sections of the community have a say in policing issues and local priorities. I can speak from experience in saying that the role is indeed challenging, yet highly rewarding.

"This is a very exciting opportunity for an enthusiastic and highly-motivated individual to really make their mark and help shape policing in Hertfordshire for the future."

The Police Authority, comprising 17 members, is the watchdog for local policing. It reflects and represents the communities of Hertfordshire by setting the priorities, targets and budget for the Force.

The appointed member will be required to commit at least one day per week to the role. Paid allowances start at £5,000 per annum, with more paid depending on roles held within the Authority.

Applicants must be over 18, live or work in Hertfordshire and not be disqualified from being a member by bankruptcy or criminal offence.

An optional lunchtime briefing session will be held on Thursday 12 November from 12 noon until 2.00pm at County Hall, Hertford.

To receive an information pack and an application form, please e-mail emma.reed.hpa@herts.pnn.police.uk or telephone 01992 556600. You can find out more information about what we do by visiting www.hertspa.org. If you would like to speak to someone about the role, please contact the Chief Executive of the Authority, Andrew White, on 01992 555621.

Hertfordshire Police Authority has a duty to promote diversity and is committed to equality of opportunity, welcoming applications from anyone who lives or works within the county.

The closing date for all applications is Friday 20 November 2009.

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For further information please contact Emily Anderson, Hertfordshire Police Authority, on 01992 555628 or email emily.anderson.hpa@herts.pnn.police.uk

Notes to Editors:

Hertfordshire Police Authority is made up of 17 local people comprising a mixture of councillors and independent members. It is responsible for:

- Managing all police property
- Setting the budget for the police force, including raising local taxes for policing
- Scrutinising and managing local police performance

- Setting the strategic direction for policing locally, deciding local priorities for policing and setting the Constabulary challenging targets to drive performance higher
- Consulting and engaging with local communities to find out what they want the local police to tackle
- Appointing (and, if necessary, dismissing) the Chief Constable and senior police officers