



# PRESS INFORMATION

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## Police Authority Annual General Meeting

Bedfordshire Police Authority will hold its Annual General Meeting on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2010.

The meeting starts at 10.00am and will be held at Bridgebury House, Woburn Road, Kempston. Members of the public are welcome to attend to observe elections and debates.

The elections will take place for the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Authority, positions currently held by Independent Members of the Authority, Peter F Conniff and Ms Penny Fletcher respectively.

Members will also appoint chairs of the Authority's various Committees and representatives to advisory panels, working groups and other partner organisations.

As with every full Authority meeting, there is the opportunity for members of the public to ask questions prior to the start of the meeting. Anyone wishing to ask a question should notify the Police Authority by Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> May.

Other items on the agenda include reports from the Chief Constable on Value for Money including Operation Quest, a Home Office sponsored programme focused on process improvement and developing organisational capability and the performance targets contained within the local policing plans.

Bedfordshire Police Authority is a separate, independent, organisation from the Police Force. It works on behalf of local people to improve local policing and ensure that the service provided meets local needs.

The Authority does not carry out any operational policing, which is the Chief Constable's responsibility. Its role includes involving local people in setting priorities, setting and monitoring the police budget, scrutinising performance and holding the Chief Constable to account for police performance.

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