



PRESS INFORMATION

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Police Authority Annual General Meeting

Peter Conniff of Bedford has been unanimously re-elected as Chair of Bedfordshire Police Authority at the Authority's Annual General Meeting, held today Friday, 26th June, 2009.

This will be Mr Conniff's fifth year in the Chair.

Mr Conniff thanked members for their unstinting support over the past twelve months and said he was looking forward to the challenges ahead.

"Looking back over the last year I am delighted that we have seen some significant improvements in the performance of Bedfordshire Police. The Authority has been robust in its approach, challenging the force to improve its delivery in areas that we know matter most to the public.

"I am also pleased that the Authority itself has taken the initiative towards its own continuous improvement, implementing programmes that will ensure we make a real difference to the quality of local policing, stretching resources and providing the bridge by which local people can influence the way in which policing is provided.

"I thank my colleagues on the Authority for the trust they have placed in me. We all work to improve policing in Bedfordshire and I am proud to have been elected as Chair once again by this very highly skilled team of people."

Ms Penny Fletcher was re-elected as vice-chair for another term, her fifth year in this position.

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.

The Chairs of the Authority's Committees were appointed as follows:

Audit and Business Assurance	-	Elaine Horrocks
Community Engagement	-	Rev Lloyd Denny
Complaints and Professional Standards		Penny Fletcher
Finance	-	Tony Brown
Human Resources	-	Linda Hockey
Performance -	-	Martin Pantling

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