

CI Heydari explained that Chief Constable Marsh had asked for discussion around whether the force needed a Black Police Association. Ahmed was Chairman of the now disbanded Hampshire BPA and explained the history of it and its remit. Discussion established that members present did not feel that a BPA was necessary for Hampshire but that it was more appropriate for the existing HSG to be strengthened e.g. in terms of offering mentoring, federation friend support etc. **Action CI Heydari: To relay this to Chief Constable Marsh.** It was agreed that the Group should explore the issues raised at the meeting, see how things worked then the necessity for a BPA could be revisited next year. **Action for those unable to attend the meeting:** If you feel strongly that a BPA is necessary, please let me know.