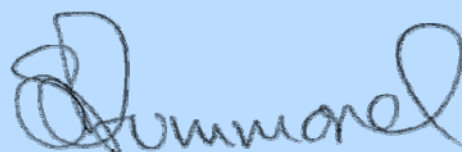


## Message from the Chair...

The recent unexpected closure of Garlands Call Centres resulted in 480 people from Hartlepool being made redundant.

At the Partnership meeting Job Centre Plus, Business & Enterprise North East and the Skills Funding Agency representatives spoke about the Rapid Response Team that had been established following the announcement and reassured the Board that they were working hard to support those affected back into work as quickly as possible.

I am hopeful that with the level of vacancies available locally in the sector that these people will be back in work soon. However this closure demonstrates that the impact of the recession is still being felt in Hartlepool and that we need to work together through the Partnership to continue to support the people and businesses of Hartlepool.



## Agenda: Friday 21 May 2010

### Presentation:

- National Strategy for Financial Capability

### Items for decision:

- Local Area Agreement Delivery & Improvement Plan 2010–11
- Cultural Strategy 2009-14
- Child Poverty Strategy, Action Plan & Pledge

### Items for information

- Comprehensive Area Assessment Year 2 Update
- Tees Valley Climate Change Strategy
- Connecting Communities
- Promoting Civic Participation
- Hartlepool Compact Action Plan
- Neighbourhood Management & Empowerment Strategy
- Tall Ships Races 2010 Update

## Performance Management Workshops 2010

These annual workshops which give the Hartlepool Partnership an opportunity to report on progress on the Local Area Agreement and the delivery of the Community Strategy will take place from 23 to 25 June 2010 at Belle Vue Community Centre.

The format is different to previous years. This year 2 or 3 Theme Partnerships will be brought together into a question time style half day event where attendees will be given the opportunity to ask questions.

If you would like to attend the workshops you can download a booking form on our website or contact Dawn Clennett on 01429 284147 or [dawn.clennett@hartlepool.gov.uk](mailto:dawn.clennett@hartlepool.gov.uk)

## All Change!

Following approval of the updated Terms of Reference in March the Partnership has now agreed its two new Vice Chairs. The Vice Chair (Performance) is Ray Priestman, current Chair of the Economic Forum and Location Director for Vantis Plc in the North East region. Ray's role will be to oversee the performance of the Partnership by chairing the Performance Management Group. The Vice Chair (Compact) was elected at the Board meeting from the Community and Voluntary Sector representatives and is Keith Bayley of Hartlepool Voluntary Development Agency (HVDA). Keith's role will be to act as the Partnership's Compact Champion and oversee the operation of the Hartlepool Compact.

## Get Involved

A new interactive section on the Hartlepool Partnership website has been launched to encourage more residents to get involved in helping to shape the town's future.

The Get Involved pages provide local residents with a one-stop shop of information on how they can contribute in local decision-making.

Open to everyone, it offers residents information on how they can participate in various community roles such as attending local meetings, taking part in public consultations, standing for election as a councillor, becoming a governor, board member or even an MP.

The aim is to give people from all walks of life the opportunity to find out how they can get involved in shaping the future of their local community and the Hartlepool Partnership believes that everyone can play their part.

As well as providing easily accessible information on each prospective role such as the cost, time commitment, requirements for the position, and training opportunities, the website also provides useful links and case studies of other residents who have felt empowered to make a difference.

To find out how you can take on a leading role in your local community follow the Get Involved link at [www.hartlepoolpartnership.co.uk](http://www.hartlepoolpartnership.co.uk)

## Money Made Clear

Stuart Dodson, the North East Regional Manager from the Consumer Financial Education Body, gave a presentation on the important role that Board Members have to play in supporting residents and employees to manage their own financial affairs.

Developing skills and confidence in managing money has been proved to decrease anxiety & depression and increase wellbeing.

The Consumer Financial Education Body works with employers to provide financial education to employees in their place of work which is a free and valuable resource to employees. The sessions provide staff with information and guidance on:

- Budgeting;
- Saving and borrowing;
- Protection;
- Retirement planning;
- Tax and welfare benefits; and
- Jargon busting.

Employers and residents can find out more about the range of free information that is available by visiting [www.moneymadeclear.org.uk](http://www.moneymadeclear.org.uk) or phoning 0300 500 5000.

