



Board Meetings - Information for Observers

Welcome to the meeting of the Hartlepool Partnership Board. Please complete the Observer's Attendance sheet that has been placed in the observer seating area.

Guidance for Observers

- Specially designated seating has been provided for observers
- The Agenda and appropriate reports for the meeting are available. Depending on the number of observers, this might mean you are required to share papers with observers next to you.
- Observers will not be allowed to comment or address the Board unless asked to do so by the Chair.
- Observers do not have the right to vote on any issue.
- A Jargon Buster and a list of common abbreviations used have also been made available. If members of the Board use phrases that you think would have been useful to include in this list, jot them down and leave them on your seat at the end of the meeting and a member of the Partnership Support Team will collect them.

Background Information

The Hartlepool Partnership is the town's Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) which brings together all of the town's partnerships delivering local services.

The Partnership looks at:

- Local services and what developments are needed
- The best way of providing those services
- Involving people in the way services are delivered

It has agreed a "grand plan" which is called the Community Strategy. This sets out the long-term vision for the town and has identified seven aims and associated objectives to be achieved. These are:

- Jobs & the Economy
- Lifelong Learning & Skills
- Health & Care
- Community Safety
- Environment & Housing
- Culture & Leisure
- Strengthening Communities

Hartlepool Partnership Board

The Board has 42 members drawn from the public, private and community and voluntary sectors. It meets approximately every six to eight weeks to learn about new initiatives, agree strategic ways forward on key issues and exchange information. The Board is currently chaired by Mayor Stuart Drummond.

The sub-groups of the Board are the Theme Partnerships. These groups focus on delivering the seven themes of the Community Strategy. They are responsible for addressing specific issues referred from the Board and reporting back to the Board on progress.

Getting involved

The Hartlepool Partnership has a number of opportunities for residents, community and voluntary groups and service users to support its work to help deliver the Community Strategy. This could be through its network of Theme Partnerships, sub-groups or on the Board itself. The Hartlepool Community Network provides support for those interested in getting involved and they can be contacted on 01429 262641 or you can view their website at <http://www.hvda.org.uk/commnet>

Finding out more

If you would like to find out more about the work of the Hartlepool Partnership please visit our website www.hartlepoolpartnership.co.uk . Alternatively you can contact Dawn Clennett within the Partnership Support Team at the address below.

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