

HARTLEPOOL BOARD

AGENDA

Friday 13 June 2025, 9.00am to 10:30am

Council Chambers,
Civic Centre, Hartlepool, TS24 8AY

Item		Lead
1.	Welcome, Introductions and Apologies	Chair
2.	Conflicts of Interest	Chair/All
3.	Minutes and Actions from the Last Meeting	Chair
4.	Urban Mapping Presentation – Layer Studio	Danny Crump (Virtual)
5.	MHCLG Data Pack (Confidential)	Gemma Ptak
6.	Proposal – Hartlepool Opportunities Partnership and Community Engagement (Confidential)	Scott Campbell, Iain Caldwell & Juli Simons
7.	Coastal Communities	Sacha Bedding
8.	Proposal – Board Development Programme	Gemma Ptak
9.	Any Other Business - Cleveland Fire Brigade Pre-Consultation on Community Risk Management Plan - MHCLG Visit	All David Preston Gemma Ptak
10.	Date/Time of Next Meeting	

Next Meeting:

4 July 2025 9:00-10.30am Council Chambers, Hartlepool Borough Council.

Hartlepool Board
Friday 13 June 2025 at 9.00am

Meeting Notes

Attendees – Board Members:

Sacha Bedding – Wharton Trust
Jonathan Brash MP – Member of Parliament for Hartlepool (Deputy Chair)
Iain Caldwell – Hartlepool Opportunities Partnership
Adrian Dack – Cleveland Police
Phil Douglas – Curious Arts
Christine Eddowes – Chair of Hartlepool Inter Faith Group
Darren Hankey – Hartlepool College of Further Education
Cllr Pamela Hargreaves – Chair of Economic Growth & Regeneration Committee (Vice Chair)
Jill Harrison - Hartlepool Borough Council
Haani Hasnain – Harmonised World (Vice Chair)
Carl Jorgeson – Hartlepool Sport
Cllr Karen Oliver – Chair of Neighbourhood Services Committee
Julian Penton – Hartlepool Community Trust
Dave Preston – Cleveland Fire Brigade
Juli Simons – Hartlepool Community Trust
Matt Storey – Cleveland Police and Crime Commissioner
Malcolm Walker – Chair
Kathryn Whittle – Thirteen Housing

Attendees – Council Officers:

Scott Campbell – Hartlepool Borough Council
Gemma Ptak – Hartlepool Borough Council
Lisa West – Hartlepool Borough Council

1.	Welcome, Introductions and Apologies MW welcomed everyone to the Hartlepool Board. Apologies have been received from Cllr Brenda Harrison, Karen Hawkins, Denise McGuckin, Martin Raby, and Jane Reed.	Documents
2.	Conflicts of Interest Iain Caldwell, Juli Simons, Julian Penton, and Carl Jorgeson declared a conflict of interest in relation to Agenda Item 6.	
3.	Minutes and Actions from the Last Meeting MW The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the last meeting which was held on Friday 2 May 2025.	 HB Meeting Notes - 02.05.25.docx
4.	Urban Mapping Danny Crump from Layer Studio delivered a virtual presentation on urban mapping and how this could add value	

	to the work of the Board. He talked about how they can go beyond traditional data to reveal the lived experience of neighbourhoods to create structured urban maps layered with qualitative and quantitative evidence to understand the neighbourhood's physical assets and patterns of activity. This can identify potential investment priorities within Hartlepool, and this urban mapping can operate alongside the community engagement. Danny highlighted other areas of the country where they have been commissioned to lead on this work to support Plan for Neighbourhood Boards including Newton-le-Willows, Leigh, and Heywood. Following the presentation, members asked a range of questions. JS asked if the mapping can be a live process or would the results have to wait until the end. Danny confirmed that it can be live which would allow the data to be used as a discussion point for the community. SB asked about if the technical data can be at a neighbourhood level rather than wards. Danny confirmed that it depends on the data source, but this can be arranged as part of the process. GP made of point of clarity stating that Layer Studio would not undertake the community engagement element and there is a proposal around this which is Agenda Item 6. The Chair thanked Layer Studio for their presentation, and Danny then left the Board Meeting. GP informed members of the potential cost and that this specialist expertise in relation to urban mapping could not be delivered 'in house' by the Council. If there is interest, then a formal proposal can be presented for decision at a future Board. JB stated that he agreed with SB that the mapping needs to be targeted at neighbourhoods and particularly the mission critical areas which have been identified by the Independent Commission on Neighbourhoods. KO stated that this is a specialist resource but that she hoped any cost would be at the lower end of the estimate due to the data which is already being held by the Council. PH stated that the specialist technical expertise of Layer Studio would not be available through the Council. This means that if this is not agreed then we would have to rely solely on the Government's Data Pack. <u>ACTION:</u> Board Members agreed for conversations to continue with Layer Studio and a formal proposal will be brought to the next Hartlepool Board.	
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5.	Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) Data Pack GP advised that the draft data pack was received earlier this week from Government but that the document is confidential at this stage and can only be shared with Board Members. We have an opportunity to provide any comments to MHCLG who will then release a final data pack for Hartlepool. <u>ACTION:</u> Board Members to review the draft data pack and will send any comments by Friday 20 June 2025 so that feedback can be submitted to MHCLG.	 Hartlepool Data Pack CONFIDENTIAL.pdf
6.	Proposal – Hartlepool Opportunities Partnership (HOP) and Community Engagement SC presented a report for a formal decision by members of the Hartlepool Board. The Council has worked closely with HOP and Hartlepool Community Trust over the last month to develop the proposal and specification which has been shared with Board Members. This proposal is confidential due to commercial sensitivity and requests HOP are allocated funding from the Plan for Neighbourhoods Capacity Funding. SC stated that, if approved, the funding would allow HOP to be fully established as the town’s Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) Local Infrastructure Organisation and they would lead on the coordination and facilitation of the Board Advisory Groups. In addition, through the funding HOP would deliver a structured programme of meaningful community engagement in collaboration with VCSE organisations to gather insight from every ward to inform the Plan for Neighbourhoods. He also confirmed that HOP have taken on board the feedback from the last Board and the Council are assured of the arrangements in place. Members asked a range of questions with SB asking about the independent chair with IC confirming that the role would be openly advertised. HH asked about some of the proposed deliverables and IC provided clarity with JS confirming that these are the minimum numbers and it is expected that HOP would exceed these targets. DH stated that we need to be confident with our decisions as it is a large amount of money, but we know that engagement is critical to Plan for Neighbourhoods. CE agreed but stated that every time she walks down Victoria Road there is regret	 Proposal – HOP CONFIDENTIAL.pdf

	that we do not have a Local Infrastructure Organisation anymore in Hartlepool. PH stated that this proposal follows significant discussions over the last few months across the whole of the Voluntary Sector. HOP will strengthen and support the fantastic work of our local community groups. It is clear from the prospectus that Government expect engagement to be community-led and for capacity funding to be allocated locally in Hartlepool. MW facilitated a formal vote on the funding decision to award funding to Hartlepool Opportunities Partnership. • Those for: SB, JB, AD, PD, CE, DH, PH, JH, HH, KO, DP, MS, MW and KW. • Those against: None. • Those abstaining: None. MW confirmed that this proposal has been unanimously agreed by the Hartlepool Board.	
7.	Coastal Communities SB stated that there has been a research project locally in relation to coastal communities which has been led by Joseph Rowntree Foundation. If you walk along the coast, it improves your wellbeing, and our coast is a key asset for Hartlepool. We should be looking at the sea and the coast as key elements of the Plan for Neighbourhoods. MW thanked SB for bringing forward this vital topic and it would be beneficial to have a wider discussion on coastal communities including the waterfront regeneration scheme at a future meeting of the Board. <u>ACTION:</u> Joseph Rowntree Foundation to be invited to present on their coastal communities work at a future meeting. There will also be an invite at the same meeting for a presentation on the waterfront scheme by the Council.	
8.	Proposal – Board Development Programme GP presented this proposal for a formal decision from members of the Hartlepool Board. The Hartlepool Board plays a critical role in shaping, governing, and promoting the investment through the Plan for Neighbourhoods. This will put local communities at the centre of the decision-making with support from the Council and will also be a Local Strategic Partnership for Hartlepool.	

	To ensure the Hartlepool Board functions effectively, it has been recognised that a structured Board Development Programme needs to be delivered. These sessions will support the Board and incorporate key themes including Power Dynamics, Civic Leadership and Nolan Principles. We have worked closely with two local organisational development experts who have supported us to develop a specification for a Board Development Programme. They cannot deliver the work due to other commitments but have recommended a facilitator. This facilitator has local knowledge and happens to be a consultant for Belong who are leading on the community cohesion work in Hartlepool. GP provided an overview of the progress so far with the community cohesion work which will lead to the development of a Hartlepool Community Cohesion Strategy. It would make sense for this work to be governed by this Board. This means that we could commission Belong to lead on the proposed Board Development Programme. We are asking for members to agree for the community cohesion work to be brought under the remit of the Hartlepool Board. We are also asking for approval for Belong to lead on the Board Development Programme with the cost being met from the Plan for Neighbourhoods Capacity Funding. MW facilitated a formal vote on both parts of the proposal. • Those for: SB, AD, PD, CE, DH, PH, JH, HH, KO, JP, DP, JS, MS, MW and KW. • Those against: None. • Those abstaining: CJ. MW confirmed that both proposals have been agreed by the Hartlepool Board. <u>ACTION:</u> Belong to be invited to present on the community cohesion work including the draft strategy at a future meeting of the Hartlepool Board.	
9.	Any Other Business MHCLG Visit GP stated that civil servants from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government are visiting Hartlepool on Monday 23 June 2025. This is to get a progress update on our Plan for Neighbourhoods and will visit Murray Street	

	as the Victoria Ward has been identified as an area of need within our Data Pack. In addition, following the discussion today we will also include a visit to the waterfront project at the Hartlepool Marina. <u>ACTION:</u> The Council will ask a few Board Members to support the MHCLG visit. However, if a member is keen to attend then they should let us know by Wednesday 18 June. Cleveland Fire Brigade Pre-Consultation on Community Risk Management Plan DP highlighted that Cleveland Fire Brigade has launched a four-week pre-consultation to shape our Community Risk Management Plan 2026–2030. It is important that the organisation gets the views from local communities before the statutory consultation which will start in September. <u>ACTION:</u> DP to circulate the pre-consultation link for the Community Risk Management Plan to all Board Members.	
10.	Date and Time of Next Meeting MW confirmed that we will be looking to hold future meetings at different venues across Hartlepool. The next meeting is currently scheduled for Friday 4 July 2025 at 9am to 10.30am.	