

# HARTLEPOOL BOARD

## AGENDA

Friday 3 October 2025, 9.00am to 11:00am

Council Chambers,  
Civic Centre, Victoria Road, Hartlepool, TS24 8AY

Item	Decision	Lead
<b>1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</b>		<b>Chair</b>
<b>2. Conflicts of Interest</b>		<b>Chair/All</b>
<b>3. Minutes and Actions from the Last Board Meeting</b>		<b>Chair</b>
<b>4. Items for Plan for Neighbourhoods</b>		
4.1 Pride in Place Programme including £1.5m Impact Fund <i>(Presentation)</i>	For Information	Gemma Ptak
4.2 Outcome of Community Engagement and Potential Interventions <i>(Presentation)</i>	For Discussion	Iain Caldwell & Juli Simons
4.3 Plan for Neighbourhoods Update including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dashboard <i>(Attached)</i></li> <li>• Risk Register <i>(Attached)</i></li> <li>• Infographic <i>(Attached)</i></li> <li>• Terms of Reference <i>(Attached)</i></li> <li>• Governance <i>(Presentation)</i></li> <li>• Progress of Submission &amp; Next Steps <i>(Verbal Update)</i></li> </ul>	For Decision	Gemma Ptak & Scott Campbell
4.4 Update on Commissioned Work, by exception: <i>(Verbal Updates)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Infrastructure Organisation - HOP</li> <li>• Board Development – Belong</li> <li>• Place Brand Narrative – CT Consults</li> </ul>	For Information	Iain Caldwell, Scott Campbell & Gemma Ptak
<b>5. Other Items for the Hartlepool Board:</b>		
5.1 Hartlepool Community Cohesion Strategy <i>(Presentation)</i>	For Adoption	Mike Waite (Belong)
5.2		

Introduction to the Sport England Place Partnership <i>(Presentation)</i>	For Adoption	Dan Garthwaite (HBC)
<b>6. Any Other Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update from Christine Eddowes</li> </ul>		<b>All</b>
<b>7. Date/Time of Next Meeting</b>  Friday 7 November 2025 9:00am to 11.00am Belle Vue Community Centre		

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**Friday 3 October 2025 at 9.00am**


**Meeting Notes**





**Attendees – Board Members:**

Jonathan Brash MP – Member of Parliament  
Iain Caldwell – Hartlepool Opportunities Partnership  
Phil Douglas - Curious Arts (*Attended Virtually*)  
Christine Eddowes – Interfaith Representative  
Scott Gaiety – Headland Parish Council  
Calvin George – Hartlepool Sport  
Darren Hankey – Hartlepool College of Further Education  
Cllr Pamela Hargreaves – Hartlepool Borough Council  
Haani Hasnain – Harmonised World  
Oliver Huermann – Member of Youth Parliament  
Stuart Irvine – NHS University Hospitals Tees  
Cllr Karen Oliver - Hartlepool Borough Council  
David Preston – Cleveland Fire Authority  
Sue Sharpe - Golden Flatts and Lynnfield Primary Schools  
Juli Simons - Hartlepool Community Trust  
John Waddington – The Northern School of Art  
Malcolm Walker – Chair of the Hartlepool Board  
Kathryn Whittle – Thirteen Housing  
Helen Wilson – Cleveland Police



**Other Attendees:**




Scott Campbell – Hartlepool Borough Council  
Daniel Garthwaite - Hartlepool Borough Council  
Amy Lewis – CT Consults  
Andrew Palmer – CT Consults  
Gemma Ptak - Hartlepool Borough Council  
Marnie Ramsey - Hartlepool Borough Council  
Mike Waite – Belong  
Lisa West – Hartlepool Borough Council


<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</b>  MW welcomed everyone to the Hartlepool Board, introducing new members and substitutes. Apologies have been received from Neil Atkinson, Cllr Brenda Harrison, Karen Hawkins, Carl Jorgeson, Denise McGuckin, Alan O'Donoghue, Julian Penton, Matt Storey, and Mark Tilling.	<b>Documents</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Conflicts of Interest</b>  Stuart Irvine declared a possible conflict of interest as he is a governor at Hartlepool College of Further Education.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Minutes and Actions from the Last Board Meeting</b>  It was agreed that the minutes of the previous meeting were a true representation of the meeting.	 HB Meeting Notes 05.09.25.docx

	<p><b>4. Items for Plan for Neighbourhoods</b></p> <p><b>4.1 Pride in Place Programme including £1.5m Impact Fund</b></p> <p>GP outlined that the programme has been renamed Pride in Place following an announcement by the Government and the launch of their Pride in Place Strategy. GP presented on the key points such as some minor changes to the wording of the objectives but our deadline for submission is still 28/11/2025. GP also outlined a proposed structure for the Board's Advisory Groups which incorporates stakeholder and resident engagement through these groups across Hartlepool.</p> <p>MW commented that he would advise members to read the new Pride in Place Strategy. Volunteers were also requested to lead on the different Board Advisory Groups.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> If a Board Member would like to lead on one of the Advisory Groups, then they should notify either SC or GP.</p> <p>GP went on to confirm that we have also secured £1.5m through the Pride in Place Impact Fund. This is capital funding with £750k in 2025/26 and £750k in 2026/27. The prospectus is online and there are three priorities which are community spaces, public spaces and revitalising the high street. We have also received £25k through the Common Ground Fund and a separate pot is available for VCSEs which will launch on Monday 13 October.</p> <p>JB added that the Impact Fund has a tighter focus and needs to be spent on projects which can quickly make a difference based on local priorities within Hartlepool.</p> <p><b>4.2 Outcome of Community Engagement and Potential Interventions</b></p> <p>JS presented on the findings from the recent community engagement that took place from July to September which was led by HOP in collaboration with Hartlepool Community Trust. The key points are that over 10-weeks the team of 24 workers including volunteers organised/attended 75 events across all 12 wards in the Borough.</p> <p>There were 1,441 responses, averaging 20 responses a day, including over 900 face-to-face conversations. The team did a lot of signposting, which was positive but highlights the need for better communication. There were a few wards that overachieved response numbers, like Seaton Carew, which worked well due to the use of beach huts and the support from a local hair salon who heavily promoted the engagement. Some of the themes overlapped, for instance, the priorities were similar to the findings of the youth consultation which</p>	<div data-bbox="1189 230 1364 320">  <p>Pride in Place.pptx</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1173 1404 1380 1783">  <p>Findings of Community Engagement</p>  <p>Co-Design Framework.pdf</p>  <p>Summary of Ward-Level Engagement</p> </div>
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	<p>was led by OH. JS highlighted the support from people and groups including Salaam Centre's Language Library and Heugh Battery alongside a number of Board Members.</p> <p>The overall top three priorities were safety and security, community togetherness and health and wellbeing. A close fourth was high streets and regeneration based on responses from residents and communities within Hartlepool.</p> <p>An interesting point was that most people said that in an emergency, they would go to family and friends for help. This question raised wider discussion points and led to qualitative responses, such as a lack of services and public transport, and a sense of isolation in places like Hart. 614 people (43%) said they were involved in the wider community (737 different groups) such as schools, faith groups, and volunteering.</p> <p>Safety was the number one theme in 9 out of 12 wards, while youth provision was identified as a top intervention throughout the Borough. Improving parks/play equipment was a running topic and the fact that a lot of people were not aware of available activities. From a health and wellbeing perspective, respondents mainly focused on activities and offering community-based health services. There were 253 people who would like to be involved further, and the ambition is for these conversations to continue which will build trust with the community. This links to the slides at the beginning from GP and development of Neighbourhood Forums.</p> <p>JB added that he would like those who took part in the engagement to be thanked, the findings of the engagement to be communicated wider, and for what's on information to be shared to those who were unaware. IC commented that he has met with Paul Fraser (who is carrying out some work for HBC) to start work around a press release which will thank everyone who took part in the engagement.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Ensure that the Board formally thanks those who took part in the community engagement and responds to the individuals who want to be more involved with Pride in Place.</p> <p>GP commented on a need to understand any gaps and suggested 'headline interventions' and then other 'quick win' projects which could be prioritised. There is also a need to consider questions such as the ongoing running costs and who will operate/maintain new equipment etc. KW asked if we had mapped the existing youth provision and highlighted the Youth Zones model which can be used in Hartlepool.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Share mapping to identify all of the existing youth provision/settings across Hartlepool.</p>	
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<p>4.3</p>	<p>IC then presented on a co-design framework which HOP has identified as a guiding principle that should be implemented to support our delivery of the neighbourhood regeneration through Pride in Place. The core values of this are being people first with ongoing participatory engagement, tailoring approaches to focus on the neighbourhood, delivering ‘quick wins’ in addition to a long-term vision and implementing an Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) approach.</p> <p>He shared a potential timeline for the next six months which would build on the community engagement by starting to create the Neighbourhood Forums followed by delivering training on co-design approaches including ABCD. IC added that it would be positive if it mirrored what happened with the New Deal for Communities, when members of the public were supported to become future community leaders in Hartlepool,</p> <p>IC believes that success can start with continuing conversations, especially around the main themes of safety and security, community togetherness, health and wellbeing and high streets and regeneration, rather than with funding, as this strong engagement will help with co-designing the interventions through Pride in Place. We also need to identify and deliver ‘quick wins’ which is now possible through the Impact Fund. IC put forward a recommendation for further revenue funding for HOP to support the first four-year Investment Plan 2026-2030, which would ideally feature in the submission in November.</p> <p>PH commented that a lot of solutions/suggestions are not unduly expensive, for instance, having wardens in parks who could also support the spaces to be animated, tidying spaces and holding community events. KW asked if the communications subgroup that had been discussed with Connor Kerr is still being progressed. GP confirmed that there will be a further meeting of the Communications and Marketing Subgroup. IC added that the name change to Pride in Place has delayed some of the communications such as around thanking people who participated, so as not to cause confusion within Hartlepool.</p> <p>MW thanked JS, IC, and the whole team on behalf of the Board for the fantastic community engagement.</p> <p><b>Plan for Neighbourhoods Update including:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dashboard</b></li> <li>• <b>Risk Register</b></li> <li>• <b>Infographic</b></li> <li>• <b>Terms of Reference</b></li> <li>• <b>Governance</b></li> <li>• <b>Progress of Submission &amp; Next Steps</b></li> </ul>	<div data-bbox="1236 1727 1295 1789"></div> <div data-bbox="1193 1792 1350 1818">Dashboard.xlsx</div> <div data-bbox="1236 1859 1295 1921"></div> <div data-bbox="1182 1921 1358 1951">Risk Register.xlsx</div>
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<p>4.4</p>	<p>SC stated that all of the documents have been circulated to Board Members including a dashboard which will monitor the projects being delivered including commissioned work and the submission at the end of November.</p> <p>In addition, the risk register, infographic, and updated terms of reference have been circulated to the Board. There is also a dedicated Google Drive, and the link will be shared with the notes from this meeting, and this will be a central repository for the Hartlepool Board. GP suggested that for the risk register we would bring the top three risks, or any changed risks, as well as an updated infographic, and anything governance related to each meeting of the Board.</p> <p>GP discussed the additional paper that was circulated yesterday to all Board Members. This proposal seeks approval for delegated powers to be granted to the Council with agreement from either the Chair or Vice Chair of the Hartlepool Board to approve expenditure from the remaining capacity funding totalling £125k. This will ensure timely and effective submission of the 10-year Regeneration Plan, provide capacity to develop associated projects and support the strategic objectives of the Board.</p> <p>The capacity funding will be used in line with the conditions and, if approved, the financial details of any expenditure will be shared at each Board. As this is a financial decision, MW facilitated a formal vote on this proposal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Those for: JB, IC, PD, CE, SG, CG, DH, PH, HH, OH, SI, KO, SS, JS, JW, MW, KW and HW.</li> <li>• Those against: None.</li> <li>• Those abstaining: None</li> </ul> <p>MW confirmed that the proposal has therefore been unanimously agreed by the Hartlepool Board.</p> <p>At this point, Amy Lewis and Andrew Palmer from CT Consults left the meeting.</p> <p><b>Update on Commissioned Work, by exception:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Local Infrastructure Organisation – HOP</b></li> </ul> <p>IC added that a member of staff has been recruited to HOP for the role of Community Development Lead and will start in mid-November. HOP have continued to work with the LA strategically and recently presented at the Council's Executive Leadership Team.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Board Development – Belong</b></li> </ul>	<div>  <p>PfN Infographic - Sept 25.pdf</p> </div> <div>  <p>Terms of Reference.docx</p> </div> <div>  <p>Capacity Funding Proposal.docx</p> </div>
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	<p>Mike Waite confirmed that the next Board Development Session will be on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 4pm. The focus will be on visioning and values to support the development of the Board and the 10-year Regeneration Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Place Brand Narrative – CT Consults</b></li> </ul> <p>GP stated that CT Consults held a Place Brand Masterclass the night before. This was well attended with some good contributions, especially by local students. GP added that more conversations were needed, so she will follow this up with CT Consults. MW thanked Jane Reed for the kind use of Hartlepool Sixth Form College to host the event.</p>	
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>Other Items for the Hartlepool Board:</b></p> <p><b>5.1 Hartlepool Community Cohesion Strategy</b></p> <p>Mike Waite presented on the emerging Hartlepool Community Cohesion Strategy which is titled 'Here for You.' He outlined that he works for Belong which is a Manchester based charity focused on social cohesion across the UK. Belong was commissioned last year by the Council to develop a Community Cohesion Strategy. He stated that this is currently being finalised and will be circulated in the next few weeks. Belong are also mentioned in the Pride of Place Strategy from the Government and will be developing the national Community Cohesion Strategy.</p> <p>Mike highlighted that there were strong positives to build on across the Borough. He felt that Hartlepool is an 'honest' town, and there is already an alignment with the ongoing engagement/community work such as the examples presented earlier by HOP. Belong's proposed approach is to close any gaps, extend reach and handle things in a healthy way, building on what is already there in Hartlepool.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Once finalised, the draft Hartlepool Community Cohesion Strategy: Here for You will be shared with all members of the Hartlepool Board.</p> <p>MW asked members for a commitment to adopt the emerging Hartlepool Community Cohesion Strategy which was then unanimously agreed by the Board.</p> <p><b>5.2 Introduction to the Sport England Place Expansion</b></p> <p>Daniel Garthwaite presented on the Place Expansion. He also gave a handout to all members which provided a more in-depth update on the work being delivered in Hartlepool.</p> <p>The Place Expansion is a two-phase grant award process which aims to boost levels of physical activity amongst people</p>	 <p>Hartlepool Place Expansion.pdf</p>



	<p>living within four communities, with focussed workstream areas around families, older people, disability, and long-term health conditions. The investment is from Sport England.</p> <p>In Hartlepool, the development phase was approved in April 2025 and provided investment totalling £300k. Over a 15-month period, there will be 45 weeks of insight gathering including test and learn pilots. There will also be additional Active Lives Surveys in the four target areas. He presented a road map up to September 2026, when there will be a full award submission to Sport England. This will request up to five years of funding for Hartlepool.</p> <p>DG highlighted the current governance arrangements including a Place Expansion Advisory Group, Project Group and then a wider Place Expansion Network. It is proposed that moving forwards this would feed into the Hartlepool Board.</p> <p>MW commented that this work links to the wider vision for the Board as a local strategic partnership for Hartlepool. GP stated that a workplan can be developed which will support the delivery of the Place Expansion.</p> <p>MW asked members for a commitment to adopt the Place Expansion which was then unanimously agreed by the Board.</p>	
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>CE talked about the last few weeks and some of her community involvement. She recently attended a service at St George's Church and spoke to a man who needed support so had come to the church on a Sunday. The man had been recently released from prison and had then been housed in Hartlepool. She felt that there was a lack of support for people in his situation, especially on a Sunday morning when all other services are closed, and churches are helping to fill this gap. To give another example, at the church in Stranton people leave slightly out of date food at the back of the church so that items can be used by those in need as a Foodbank.</p> <p>JB asked that the man's details be passed to his office, and GP also stated that she will speak to CE outside of the meeting about wider work with Faith Leaders in Hartlepool.</p>	
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>Date and Time of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for Friday 7 November 2025 from 9am to 11am and will be hosted at Belle Vue Community Centre.</p>	