

## PRESS RELEASE

### The Resident Board Member Elections Are on Their Way

Residents in the NDC area are being asked if they want to become Resident Board Members and play an important part in transforming Hathershaw and Fitton Hill.

These elections are the last ones for the NDC Programme and the five residents elected onto the NDC Management Board will serve until the Programme finishes in 2011.

Residents will have the chance to put themselves forward as candidates between 11<sup>th</sup> February and 10<sup>th</sup> March.

All residents in the area will receive a pack of information through the post from the Electoral Reform Society which is the election organisation NDC's use to independently run their elections. The packs will tell residents what's involved and what to do next if they are interested.

To help residents decide whether they want to put themselves forward there will be staff on hand at four roadshows across the area to offer advice and support. The roadshows will be an opportunity for prospective candidates to find out more, talk to existing Board Members about the job and get help and support from NDC staff to complete the paperwork.

If residents have not received their packs by **15<sup>th</sup> February 2008** they should contact Anne Fleming 0161 785 9716.

The Roadshows will be held at the following venues:-

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 10.00 am – 12.00 Noon at Fitton Hill Youth Centre

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 6.00 – 8.00 pm at The Honeywell Centre

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 6.00 – 8.00 pm at Fitton Hill Youth Centre

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2.00 – 4.00 pm at The Honeywell Centre

Once the nomination period finishes and candidates are selected then all residents in the area have the chance to vote for the candidates they would like to see represent them. The voting period is between 25<sup>th</sup> March and 14<sup>th</sup> April. A celebratory election announcement event will take place on 17<sup>th</sup> April when the newly elected members will be sworn in.

The NDC Management Board has eleven resident members who represent the views and opinions of their community and have a say in the running of the NDC Programme

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