

PRESS RELEASE

## **Residents are Urged to Use Their Vote in the Last NDC Resident Board Member Elections**

Residents in Hathershaw & Fitton Hill are being asked to use their vote in the final NDC Programme's Resident Board Member elections.

The New Deal for Communities Programme is looking to elect five residents to its Management Board, which is its key decision making body.

These are the last Resident Board Member elections for the NDC Programme and those residents elected will remain on the Board until the Programme finishes in 2011.

The election process started in February when residents were given the opportunity to put themselves forward for the job. The nomination period closed on 10th March and seven residents from across the area are standing as candidates.

The next stage of the process is when residents vote for the candidate they would most like to see represent their interests on the Board. The voting period starts on 25<sup>th</sup> March and continues until 14th April.

All residents eligible to vote will start to receive their ballot papers in the post from 25<sup>th</sup> March and they should return them via the post to the Electoral Reform Society in London on or before 14th April, in the pre-paid envelope.

If residents do not receive theirs by 28<sup>th</sup> March they should contact the NDC Office on 785 9716 and speak to Anne or Joyce.

Residents can vote for up to five candidates, which makes it a close fought contest. Residents are urged to use their vote and reminders will be posted around the area via the electronic notice board in Fitton Hill, the NDC website and posters.

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