

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **HONEYWELL CENTRE – SNOW DAMAGE**

The Honeywell Centre in Hathershaw has suffered some damage over the Christmas period due to the continuing bad weather. In particular the weight of accumulated snow on the roofs has caused damage to some of the external walls.

New Deal for Communities staff worked with Council Building Control and Unity Partnership colleagues on Christmas Eve to ensure that the building was safe over the holiday period.

It is not possible to repair the damage until the weather improves. However since the start of the new year NDC staff have worked closely with the building contractors to get the Centre back open for business. The damaged areas are now secured and it is safe to use the building. There are still some limitations on access but the majority of the building is available for use.

Gordon Roscoe, NDC Chief Executive, said:

“I would like to thank everyone involved for pulling together to deal with this situation. I also apologise for any inconvenience caused to our customers due to need to cancel or rearrange some activities.

Centre users are asked to contact the Honeywell Centre staff on 0161 621 3900 to check if accommodation is available for existing or future bookings.

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