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Changing Faces, Changing Places

This special edition of Focus is to let you know about some changes we are making to the way we work at Government Office for the North East.

Following our successful reorganisation in April 2007, we have made some further refinements to our organisational structure. This reflects the impact of local government reorganisation and emerging new areas of work.

A key feature of these latest changes relates to our locality management role in Northumberland and Durham. The Northumberland and Durham teams have now been merged, under the leadership of our Acting Deputy Regional Director for Local Government, Jenny Haworth, formerly Assistant Chief Executive, Stockton on Tees Borough Council. Heads of Team for Northumberland and Durham remain, respectively, Andrew Cartwright and Stephen Downs.

Neil Robertson remains Deputy Regional Director for Economy and Tyne and Wear, supported by Tom Smyth on Tyne and Wear. Judith Million remains as Deputy Regional Director for Community Safety and Tees Valley, supported by Hilton Heslop on Tees Valley.

Another feature of the changes from September, is the creation of a Strategy, Policy and Performance unit, led by Dan Monnery and Graeme Farnworth, which reports directly to the Regional Director, Jonathan Blackie.

Lynda Keith is now Deputy Regional Director for an expanded corporate management and resilience function, assisted by Tony Stephenson.

We recently welcomed Fiona Gough, who has joined our organisation as the new Deputy Regional Director for Environment. Previously Fiona was involved as a member of the Executive Leadership Group, establishing Natural England. Prior to this, she was Regional Manager for the Rural Development Service in the North East, setting up

the organisation in the region. Her contact details are fiona.gough@gone.gsi.gov.uk and 0191 202 3650.

Yvonne Clark, is now leading on the closure of European programmes, as acting Deputy Regional Director within Economy and Tyne and Wear, working alongside Neil Robertson. Yvonne was previously Head of Division for the Community Safety and Tees Valley.

Finally, the structure arrangements for Children and Learners under the leadership of Deputy Regional Director Jackie Doughty remain unchanged.

A revised structure chart with telephone numbers can be found on our website at www.go-ne.gov.uk/nestore/docs/corporate/org_chart.pdf

Contact details for place teams.

All extension numbers are prefixed by 0191 202

Northumberland and Durham

Jenny Haworth, Deputy Regional Director,
Local Government - 2251

Northumberland

Andrew Cartwright - 3570

Durham

Stephen Downs - 3676

Tyne and Wear

Neil Robertson, Deputy Regional Director, Economy
and Tyne and Wear - 3803
Tom Smyth - 3661

Tees Valley

Judith Million, Deputy Regional Director, Community
Safety and Tees Valley -3745
Hilton Heslop - 2291