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NDC LOOKS TO THE FUTURE OF REGENERATION

Coventry New Deal for Communities (NDC) will be hosting the city's first regional conference since the new coalition government came into power to ask what regeneration means for local communities.

The 'Future of Regeneration' conference is being held on Friday 2nd July at Moat House Leisure and Neighbourhood Centre in Wood End to explore what the future holds for the regeneration sector.

The event, which is in partnership with RegenWM, will see a number of key speakers share their thoughts on the day including Paul Spooner, Regional Director from the Homes and Communities Agency and Martin Reeves, Chief Executive at Coventry City Council.

"With a new government in place it is timely to explore implications for the regeneration sector. Area-based funding is coming to an end and public services are being challenged to deliver more for less in the context of the squeeze on public sector finances, yet the challenge of supporting disadvantaged neighbourhoods and increasing resident participation remains" said Afzal Hussain, NDC Director.

"Whilst efficiencies may form one part of the solution, more radical approaches are necessary to get to the heart of addressing these issues."

Coventry NDC will be using a decade of experience to identify opportunities and challenges from a strategic standpoint and the implications and solutions for delivery.

For more information about the Future of Regeneration Conference please contact Adrian Coles, Succession Manager at NDC on 024 7662 2964.

Editors Notes

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About New Deal for Communities

New Deal for Communities is a Government funded community-led initiative aimed at improving neglected and disadvantaged local communities.

In April 2000 Central Government awarded £54m to the Coventry New Deal for Communities area of Wood End, Henley Green, Manor Farm and Deedmore.

Since 2001, local residents, NDC officers, communities and agencies have been working together to decide how this money will be best used to regenerate the community by creating real employment and training opportunities, better housing, a healthier quality of life, safer communities, a cleaner environment and improvements in educational achievement for the future.

For more information on the New Deal for Communities programme in Coventry, either call 024 7662 2964 or pop into their offices at Moat House Leisure Centre in Wood.