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Colleen Gostick named as Greater Peterborough Partnership Chair

The Greater Peterborough Partnership (GPP) is pleased to announce that Colleen Gostick will take over from John Bridge OBE as Chair of the GPP Board.

As well as living and working in Peterborough for the last 25 years, Colleen has already had a great deal of involvement with GPP through her work with Peterborough's Regional Economic Partnership (PREP). Furthermore, Colleen holds a strong track record of engagement with local businesses including acting as a judge for the Evening Telegraph Business Awards.

Colleen has been Managing Partner of Buckles Solicitors LLP, based in Peterborough, for the past 8 years and was recently named 'Managing Partner of the Year 2008' by a leading national network of law firms. Colleen was also named East of England Businesswoman of the Year 2006 by the Institute of Directors.

Colleen said, 'I was delighted to accept the post as GPP Chair and I am very much looking forward to leading the GPP Board as we continue to build a bigger and better Peterborough. Particularly in these tough economic times, I see it as a key job for the Board to create energy, excitement and enthusiasm, and to promote innovative and collaborative approaches to a range of issues. We have so much going for us in Peterborough, we really do, and we have every reason to be proud of that!'

The GPP Board brings together senior representatives of the public, private, voluntary, community and faith sectors in Peterborough. The next Board meeting on 18 March will focus on Growth and Regeneration. Speakers will include Steve Compton, Chief Executive of Opportunity Peterborough and Lead Director for the Substantial & Truly Sustainable Growth priority within Peterborough's Sustainable Community Strategy and also Dr Angus Kennedy OBE, one of the UK's most influential regeneration professionals.

For more information on the GPP, or Peterborough's Local Area Agreement or Sustainable Community Strategy visit www.gpp-peterborough.org.uk.

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Notes to editors:

The Greater Peterborough Partnership is Peterborough's local strategic partnership. It brings representatives from the public, private, faith, community and voluntary sector together to work collectively towards the vision and priorities of the Sustainable Community Strategy.

The GPP is not an organisation. It does not deliver any of the projects or services that will deliver the improved outcomes we aim for. GPP's role is to facilitate joined up work and to ensure that the work of the individual partners is targeted at the priorities collectively agreed.

GPP oversees commissioning of services and projects to help deliver the aims of the Sustainable Community Strategy, having an important leadership and performance management role, although all the partner organisations retain their own responsibility and governance arrangements.

The Board is responsible for the development of Peterborough's Sustainable Community Strategy which sets the long term vision and priorities for the future development of our city and the surrounding rural areas. The GPP Board is also responsible for the governance and performance management of Peterborough's Local Area Agreement three year action plan.

For further information on GPP please go to www.gpp-peterborough.org.uk

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