

Hull Forward

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We are Hull Forward, the Economic Development Company for Hull, delivering lasting change. Launched on 1 April 2008, our ambition is to be the catalyst that transforms Hull into a global economic player.

We build on the success of Hull Citybuild, Hull's former Urban Regeneration Company named Regeneration Organisation of the Year in 2007. Hull Citybuild, operated from 2002 until 2008 and in that time both the company and Hull in general made significant strides forward in terms of economic and physical regeneration. Hull Forward will accelerate this further, improving performance and delivery for the benefit of the city.

Our role

- With a city-wide remit, we are expanding on Hull Citybuild's nationally acclaimed work, to form the foundations of our future
- We will accelerate Hull's economic development by driving forward our three key growth sectors – Ports & Value Added Logistics, Healthcare Technologies and Renewable Energy
- We will continue to grow relationships with our current business base to enable their expansion and to ensure all opportunities are maximised
- We will establish new relationships to secure investment into the city and will always be the first point of contact for enquiries
- We will transform Hull City Centre into a thriving destination with world-class business, visitor and leisure facilities, quality homes and public amenities
- Through World Trade Centre Hull & Humber, we will create a hub for international trade and investment, putting Hull on the global stage

Key achievements of Hull Citybuild, which form the platform of Hull Forward's work include:

- The establishment and adoption of the City Centre Masterplan, a framework for the city's physical regeneration which has secured over £730m of planned investment
- Playing a vital role in the development of the major new retail led scheme, St Stephen's and the adjacent Paragon Interchange, which has transformed Hull city centre, providing 1,268 new jobs so far. St Stephen's has won numerous awards, including being hailed as one of the best regeneration projects in the world at the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors Awards 2008. Paragon Interchange also won 'Station of the Year' at the prestigious HSBC Rail Business Awards 2008
- The development of a prime office core, Humber Quays, leading to a rise in rental values of well over 83%
- Reaching city-wide consensus on the 3 growth sectors for the city's economic development activity – ports and value added logistics, healthcare technologies and renewable energy – which have been endorsed by partners
- Growing the city's much applauded 'Bondholder' scheme ensuring over 140 businesses are plugged into and act as ambassadors for the city's ambitious regeneration plans
- Establishing World Trade Centre Hull & Humber, providing access to a 800,000-strong global business



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