



## NOTTINGHAMSHIRE PUBLIC SECTOR COMPACT

*A Breakfast Briefing – ‘Working Together: The Next Phase of the Compact’ was held at the Notts County FC on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2009.*

*Many Compact members attended the event to hear presentations from (among others) Mick Brown (Nottinghamshire Area Director, LSC), Councillor Graham Chapman (Deputy Leader Nottingham City Council) and Marje Toward (Acting Service Director HR Nottinghamshire County Council) the newly appointed Chair of the Steering Group for the Compact.*

*Throughout the briefing there were strong messages promoting the benefits of a collaborative approach to addressing issues of common concern and of sharing best practice from other established Public Sector Compacts in the East Midlands.*

*Mick Brown opened the proceedings. His message provoked thought. The UK is not well placed in the global skills market ‘league table’. The public sector has a key role to play in promoting the development of its workforce to improve the skills profile of the country.*



*Councillor Chapman reinforced this message. His view is that skills are ‘the most important’ tool we have to meet the demands of the global economy. In today’s difficult economic situation, many organisations will be seeking ways to achieve best value for money – we must make sure that we have the skilled people to take advantage of changing situations and increased demands.*

*Councillor Chapman (pictured above) encouraged those present to sign up to the Skills Pledge to take advantage of the opportunity to work together and to make the Public Sector an Employer of Choice.*

*Nigel Jackson (Nottingham LSC) emphasised the links between Public Sector Contracting and long term benefits to local communities through procurement arrangements designed to ‘add value’ and develop local partnership working.*



*Delegates at the Breakfast Briefing*



We were delighted to welcome the newly appointed Nottinghamshire Compact Steering Group Chair. Marje Toward of the County Council has agreed to take on this challenging role. Marje expressed her pleasure at having the opportunity – with colleagues – of shaping the work of the Compact and she urged delegates to get involved with this important work.

Nigel Jackson, LSC, Marje Toward, and Chris Donkin, Facilitator of the Notts Public Sector Compact

## **Forthcoming meetings:-**

*Steering Group Meeting – 17 March 2009, 10.00 am at County Hall*

*Workforce Development Group Meeting – 31 March, 2.00 pm – venue tbc*

*Procurement Group – Uniquely in the East Midlands Compacts, the Nottinghamshire Public Sector Compact has placed a strong emphasis on using the benefits of collaborative working to address the procurement agenda. A Procurement Theme Group will be established to take this forward. Details will be announced soon.*

## *Other date for your diaries:-*

The Greater Nottingham Partnership is hosting a one day workshop/conference on procurement on the 25th March, 9.30 am at the Bolero Suite of Nottingham Ice Arena. Further details from [pippas@gnpartnership.org.uk](mailto:pippas@gnpartnership.org.uk)

The East Midlands LSC is hosting the East Midlands Public Sector Apprenticeship Summit at PERA, Melton Mowbray on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 9.30 – 1.30 Further details from [chris@donkinitex.co.uk](mailto:chris@donkinitex.co.uk)

*To read the full text of all presentations from 'Working Together' please go to the Nottinghamshire page of the East Midlands Public Sector Compacts website [www.empscompacts.org.uk](http://www.empscompacts.org.uk)*

For further information about any aspect of the Nottinghamshire Public Sector Compact, please contact Compact facilitator Chris Donkin via [chris@donkinitex.co.uk](mailto:chris@donkinitex.co.uk)