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SHAPING THE FUTURE OF THE YMCA

In July 2017 YMCA Teesdale Board of Trustees agreed to pursue a merger option (subject to due diligence) with YMCA North Tyneside.

The purpose of the merger is to support YMCA Teesdale to grow and develop and better meet the needs of the local community and ensure the organisation is able to thrive through these difficult financial and austere times.

Mike Way Chair of the YMCA in Teesdale said *"Despite very successful fundraising campaigns supporting our activities we have come to the conclusion that we can best grow and develop our work by learning from and working with another YMCA. YMCA England are encouraging such partnerships. Since December 2016 we have been working hard with YMCA North Tyneside under a joint management arrangement to maintain high standards of delivery, ensuring that we also work closely with those who use and value our services. We have spent more time getting to know our new community, partners and stakeholders so that we can more effectively develop services that meet the needs of the people of Teesdale in the future. As part of this process we have been developing a positive working relationship with staff and trustees of YMCA North Tyneside so that we can forge a successful partnership, learning from each other whilst acknowledging that our communities are very different with distinct identities. There is a rich history associated with the YMCA in Teesdale and we know that lots of community members have many fond memories of the times they have spent with us. It is now time to build on this to ensure that the YMCA has a future as positive as its past and that it plays a key part in the lives of young people, families and the wider community for many years to come. Teesdale YMCA will not in any sense disappear - on the contrary, our work will be enabled to grow and develop."*

Dean Titterton, CEO of YMCA North Tyneside said *"The proposed merger with North Tyneside provides the opportunity for new services to be developed that meet the needs of the local community, so we can build a robust organisation that is able to thrive. YMCA North Tyneside are committed to ensuring that key community services are developed and remain in Teesdale and the surrounding area "*

Don Irving, CEO of YMCA Teesdale said *"Since I was introduced to Teesdale over the past few months, I have been really impressed with the support from local people and the high value that they place on the YMCA.*

The merger with YMCA North Tyneside presents us with lots of exciting opportunities and will help us to build on the excellent work currently taking place within our communities. I have no doubt that this decision will be well received and the YMCA will go from strength to strength"

YMCA enables people to develop their full potential in mind, body and spirit. Inspired by, and faithful to, our Christian values, we create supportive, inclusive and energising communities, where young people can truly belong, contribute and thrive.

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