



STATEMENT BY DISTINGTON BIG LOCAL BOARD

Following recent events and the decision of the Board Members to stand down, we urge residents and other interested parties to step forward to replace the previous Board Members. Local Trust rules state that there needs to be a minimum of 8 board members, at least 51% of whom must be local residents.

Distington Big Local is a Community Benefit Society and also the 'locally trusted organisation' (LTO) for the Local Trust funding which comes into the village. It is important to understand that, collectively, the Board has legal and financial responsibilities.

If not enough new members come forward, the Community Benefit Society will have to be disbanded which will take time to do. Local Trust has indicated that it will support a completely new partnership if not enough people come forward to enable the existing Community Benefit Society to continue.

Therefore please contact DBL's representative from Local Trust, Pete Duncan at pduncan@icloud.com or DBL's Project Manager at ingrid.biglocal@gmail.com by **12 noon on Wednesday 28th April 2021** if you would like to become a Board Member of the Community Benefit Society.

Distington Big Local Board
21st April 2021