

**May 2011**

## **Arts Council England – North East Regional Chair**

Ed Vaizey, Minister for Culture, Communications and Creative Industries has appointed Joe Docherty as north East Chair and National Council member of Arts Council England. His term of four years will commence 25 May 2011 to 24 May 2015.

### **Joe Docherty**

Joe Docherty is Executive Director, Enterprise and Development for North East based Home Group, which employs more than 4000 people across Britain and has grown to become one of the United Kingdom's biggest social enterprises.

Prior to that Joe was Chief Executive of the award winning Tees Valley Regeneration, where he oversaw the signing of more than £1bn of private sector investment into the region. During this time Joe also spearheaded a cultural and social renaissance programme - the iconic Tees Valley Giants – which includes one of the North East's most iconic modern structures, Anish Kapoor's Temenos.

Between 1999 and 2007 Joe was a Trustee of The Baltic – a major international centre for contemporary art - where he was also Chairman of the Finance and General Purpose Committee. Joe also spent a career in Banking, where he was a Director of the corporate banking division within Barclays Bank.

Joe is currently a Trustee and Member of Council of the University of Durham and is Chair of the Council of George Stephenson College at the University's Queen's Campus, Stockton on Tees

### **Background**

1. This appointment has been made in accordance with the OCPA Code of Practice. Appointments and reappointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the appointments process. Joe has declared that he is a member of the Labour party and has held no elected office in the last 5 years.
2. Remuneration £6400 per annum.