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**Title of Keynote**

Leading a Flexible, Responsive and Engaged University – A Perspective on Our Journey to becoming UK ‘University of the Year’

**Biodata**

Teesside University is based in Middlesbrough in the North East of England. Professor Graham Henderson became Vice Chancellor of Teesside University on 1 April 2003, having previously been Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic & Development) at Teesside with responsibility for the University’s academic portfolio, learning & teaching, quality and standards, library & information systems, lifelong learning, the development of collaborative partnerships, and the personnel and staff development work of the University since February 1991.

Professor Henderson started his academic career in 1975 at Nene College (now University of Northampton) after which he spent 17 years in Newcastle Business School at Northumbria University (including 8 years as Deputy/Assistant Director of School) before becoming Director of the Business School at the University of Sunderland.

Graham played a major role in pioneering the development of Business Information Technology education in the UK throughout the 1980s. He is a Fellow of the Royal Statistical Society and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.

In addition to his role as Board member of a number of University companies, Graham is a member of the Council for Industry in Higher Education, a member of the Leadership Board of Tees Valley Unlimited, Non Executive Director and Council Member of the North East Chamber of Commerce (NECC) and a member of the North East Public Health Board. Graham is also the Chair of Tees Valley Common Purpose and Chair of the Leadership Foundation Management Advisory Group. In addition, he is a member of the HEFCE Strategic Advisory Committee on Leadership & Governance and on the Board of Universities UK and on UUK’s Employability, Business and Industry Policy Committee.