

Edinburgh appoints new Chief Executive



The City of Edinburgh Council has this morning unanimously approved the appointment of Andrew Kerr to the position of Chief Executive to take over the role from 27 July.

Dame Sue Bruce who has led the council for the last five years had already advised her intention to retire from local authority earlier this year.

Mr Kerr is currently Chief Operating Officer of Cornwall Council where he has led a programme to deliver savings of £196m in the next four years.

Born in Falkirk his first job in the public sector was to run Grangemouth Stadium and he then took up a role with Falkirk District Council. He has worked in local authority positions in Scotland and England for 32 years and his appointment has been welcomed across all political groups which form the council.

Council Leader, Andrew Burns, said: "I'm delighted that Andrew Kerr's appointment received unanimous backing from councillors today.

"It was clear from the recruitment process that he has the qualities required to take on the role and I look forward to working closely with him to shape the continued success of our city."