Anglian Water Business becomes Accredited Living Wage Employer

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Infrastructure Secretary Keith Brown MSP joined the Chairman of Anglian Water Business when the company was announcing a doubling of their workforce as a result of a new contract.

The company has signed up to provide water billing services for Scotland's schools, hospitals and other public buildings. The side benefits are that there will be new apprenticeships and AWB has also signed the Scottish Business Pledge, becoming an Accredited Living Wage Employer.

Keith Brown said: "This new contract sees AWB really embrace one of the key objectives of this Scottish Government – making Scotland a fairer place to work.

"They are signing up to the Business Pledge and have become and Accredited Living Wage Employer, new apprentices will join the company later this year, staff from the previous contract have TUPE'd over and we have already seen a doubling of the workforce at the Edinburgh office.

"As well as this, AWB will be helping to make Scotland a better place to live by engaging with the community through a schools programme, delivering the best value for the Scottish taxpayer and working with our public sector to reduce their water consumption and their impact on the environment.

"While legislation introduced by a previous administration to safeguard the public status of Scottish Water required us to tender out these services, we have ensured that Scottish Water remains in public hands, and secured the best possible deal to ensure Scotland benefits."

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AWB Chairman Tony Donnelly said: "Anglian Water Business with its parent company Anglian Water Group, has a strong track record of working in Scotland.

"Our decades of expertise both sides of the border will, with this contract, mean low water bills for hundreds of public sector organisations — schools, hospitals and other public buildings — and deliver much-needed savings and greater value for the Scottish taxpayer.

"The contract will bring jobs, apprenticeships and training to Scotland, as well as supporting the local economy."

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