

Yorkshire Water Services Limited

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### **Yorkshire Water Services Limited Appoints New Non-Executive Director**

Yorkshire Water today announces that it has appointed Ray O'Toole to the role of non-executive director on the board of Yorkshire Water with effect from 27 June 2014. Mr O'Toole replaces Roger Hyde who retires from the board the same day after serving for nine years as a non-executive director.

Mr Hyde was appointed to the board as an independent non-executive director in June 2005 having held various local government roles before becoming chief accountant of Anglian Water Authority in 1986. Following appointment to the National Rivers Authority in 1988, successive promotions led to his appointment as director of the North East Region of the EA in 1995. He is currently managing director of ENVRO-SOLVE Ltd, a management consultancy service and is also a non-executive director of YCF Ltd and Water Industry Forum Ltd.

Kevin Whiteman, Chairman of Yorkshire Water, paid tribute to the service of Roger Hyde to the board and its committees over those nine years and thanked him for his tremendous commitment, support and contribution to the company's success over that period and the challenge he provided as an independent non-executive director.

Mr O'Toole has had a successful career in the Transport sector. He stood down from the main board of National Express plc in 2010 after ten years as Group Chief Operating Officer and UK Chief Executive. At National Express's peak, he was responsible for a fleet of 20,000 buses and coaches, 9 rail franchises and 40,000 staff.

He started his non-executive career whilst at National Express as a member of the board of the British Transport Police Authority (BTPA). Since 2011, he has served as a non-executive director and member of the Safety Committee of the Office of Rail Regulation (ORR).

Having lived and worked in Yorkshire, Mr O'Toole knows the region well.

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