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## **New East Midlands Director for Learning and Skills Council**

The Learning and Skills Council (LSC) East Midlands welcomes the arrival of its new regional director following the departure of Verity Bullough to fulfil a new post at LSC national office.

Tom Crompton takes up the post following a series of promotions within the LSC leading to his most recent role as area director of LSC County Durham and Tees Valley.

Commenting on his appointment, Tom says: "This is a very exciting opportunity for me and one which I welcome. I am keen to really get under the skin of the region, to understand what makes it tick and to identify strategies that will improve learning and skills opportunities and provision for all.

"Learning is a thread that has run throughout my career and I am determined to focus this passion in a way that will benefit the East Midlands. My first objective is to continue the good work that has been done to date, meeting and exceeding our targets and delivering high quality learning that is responsive to the needs of our local, regional and national employers."

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Married with two children, Tom joined the senior management team of Tyneside Training and Enterprise Council (TEC) in 1991 to lead the work of the TEC on linking business and education. He became assistant chief executive in 1996 and has worked on several national bodies on behalf of the TEC's national council and Further Education Funding Council (FEFC). He was also chairman of the Newcastle Literacy Trust and a fellow of the Royal Society of Arts. In 2001 the TEC and FEFC became the LSC and Tom continued in his career with the LSC.

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**Notes to Editors**

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