

New Chair of the Council for the LSC in Cumbria

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Graham Lamont, Chief Executive of Lamont Pridmore Chartered Accountants and Business Advisors, has become the new Chair of the Learning and Skills Council (LSC) in Cumbria.

Graham is a well known figure in Cumbria, particularly in the business community. Lamont Pridmore has 35 staff and partners with offices in Kendal, Keswick and Workington. The firm is an Investor in People, a previous winner of the Excellence in Cumbria Awards and has a National Training Award.

Welcoming Mr Lamont to his new position, Roger Hoyle, Regional Chairman of LSC North West, also thanked the previous Chair, Jack Stopforth, who has now stepped down:

“I would like to register my thanks to Jack for his work on behalf of the Council – his commitment to learning and skills and the part they play in the future of Cumbria has been much appreciated and he has helped us and our partners to achieve some excellent progress in the County.

“But I am delighted to welcome Graham as the new Chair for LSC Cumbria. He has a passion for training and development and strives to help everyone reach their full potential - and as an existing member of the LSC Council in Cumbria Graham will provide the continuity that will be invaluable in building on the Council’s work.

“Graham brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience which I am sure he will be able to bring to bear in the Council’s work in Cumbria, so I am particularly pleased to welcome him to his new role.”

Graham Lamont is also an author, lecturer and business coach on accountancy and performance improvement matters to the accountancy profession and the wider business community. He is a past Chairman of the Cumberland Society of Chartered Accountants and is the founding President of the Cumbria Chamber of Commerce. He is currently Joint Chair of Theatre by the Lake in Keswick, and is the business representative on the executive of the Cumbria Strategic Partnership. He has also been a governor of a primary school, a public school and two colleges.

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Learning and Skills Council:

The LSC exists to make England better skilled and more competitive. We are responsible for ensuring the availability of high-quality education and training for everyone. We have a single goal: to improve the skills of England's young people and adults to world class standards. Our vision is that young people and adults in England have knowledge and skills matching the best in the world and are part of a truly competitive workforce. We work nationally, regionally and locally to deliver this ambition on behalf of learners and employers.

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