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RAILWAY FORUM APPOINTS NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL

At a meeting today The Railway Forum Council announced that the next Director General of The Railway Forum will be Paul Martin.

Paul has had a wide and varied career that has included leadership of the Timber Trade Federation, regulatory experience at the Office of Water Services as well as the Fast Track of the Civil Service. He was also Leader of the Opposition, Edinburgh City Council 1984-1987 (Councillor 1980-1992).

Paul Martin said: 'I am delighted to take on this challenging appointment with the opportunity to work with the Forum's members and all those who are involved with Britain's railways. There is every indication that the railways can play an increasingly important and thriving role in our transport future. The Forum has an essential role to play in making the case for rail.'

'In an extensive search for a new Director General Paul came over strongly as the best candidate' said Chris Green, Chairman of The Railway Forum. 'His wide experience, enthusiasm and intelligence make him just the right person for the job. The Council looks forward to working with him.'

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Notes to Editors:

1. The Railway Forum is an industry-wide body sponsored by the majority of the train operating companies, Network Rail, all three major rolling stock leasing companies, the Passenger Transport Executives, Transport for London, most of the infrastructure companies and many manufacturing and other businesses serving the UK rail industry. In all we have over 50 members. Our key role is to act as a think tank, information exchange and point of contact for those committed to and interested in our industry.
2. Paul Martin will take over from Adrian Lyons on **Monday 6 November 2006**.
3. A full CV for Paul Martin can be found on the Forum's website.

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