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TOP WELSH PLANNER TO BE NEW FORUM SECRETARY

Kay Powell, Head of Planning at the Welsh Assembly Government is to be the new Secretary of the National Planning Forum. She will take up her appointment at the beginning of November.

Forum Chair, Henry Oliver said

“With her wealth of experience, Kay is ideally placed to take forward the mission of the Forum to inspire planning.”

Kay Powell said

“I am looking forward to working with the Forum at this very exciting and challenging time. The Forum has an important role in raising awareness and ensuring positive planning. Its members are key to successful delivery of the new spatial planning agenda.”

Graeme Bell, Secretary from the time the Forum was re-launched in 2003, said.

“I am delighted we will have someone of Kay’s calibre in this key role. She will bring ideas, energy and experience to the Forum and I wish her every success.”

The Town and Country Planning Association (TCPA) provide the secretariat for the National Planning Forum.

Note to Editors

1. **Kay Powell** is currently Head of the Planning Division at the Welsh Assembly Government, a post she has held since the 1999. Previously she held the same post with the Welsh Office from October 1997. Prior to that she held various planning, transportation and corporate policy posts in local government in South Wales, after starting her career as a planner with Peterborough Development Corporation. She is a Member of the Royal Town Planning Institute, and the Institution of Highways and Transportation. Photo available.
2. **The National Planning Forum** is the largest cross-sector forum in England focussing on improving the outcomes of all involved in town and country planning. NPF membership is drawn from:
 - Not for profit and voluntary organisations
 - Local government
 - Government departments and regional offices
 - Government agencies
 - Private sector
 - Regional Development Agencies
 - Professional institutes
3. The NPF is supported financially by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, the Local Government Association and the membership bodies themselves.
4. The Executive Board of the NPF is currently: Chair: Henry Oliver, Council for the Protection of Rural England Vice Chairs: Mike Hayes, Royal Town Planning Institute Cllr. Richard Kemp, Local Government Association Liz Peace, British Property Federation Mark Southgate, Environment Agency.
5. The Town and Country Planning Association (TCPA) is an independent campaigning charity calling for more integrated planning based on the principles of accessibility, sustainability, diversity, and community cohesion. The TCPA puts social justice and the environment at the heart of the debate about planning policy, housing and energy supply. We inspire government, industry and campaigners to take a fresh perspective on major issues including climate change and regeneration.

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