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CMA welcomes new Chairman



The Central Market Agency (CMA), the organisation that administers the water retail market in Scotland, has appointed David Sigsworth as its new Chairman.

Mr Sigsworth, who held the post of Chairman of the Scottish Environment Protection Agency from 2008-2015, and is a former director of Scottish & Southern Energy, takes over governance of the CMA from Brian Saunders in August of this year. In 2015 he was awarded an OBE for his services to the environment and sustainable futures.

Mr Saunders held the post of Chairman since the CMA was set up in 2005 when legislation was introduced that saw Scotland become the first country in the world where businesses could choose their supplier of water and wastewater services.

Since those new arrangements, the CMA has administered all aspects of the business water market. Those include registering which Licensed Provider is responsible for which supply points and calculating the wholesale charges owed by each of these companies to Scottish Water.

Mr Sigsworth said: “This is an exciting time to be joining the CMA as the business water market has never been so buoyant or so competitive. Scotland has led the way globally in business water services, with the Market helping hundreds of companies take advantage of the ability to switch providers.

“We are also seeing many of our Licensed Providers take advantage of their experience of operating in Scotland to enter the newly created English market. I look forward to taking up my new role and to continuing the successful operation of both the CMA and the Market.”

CMA Chief Executive Jeremy Atkinson commented: “We are very much looking forward to welcoming David Sigsworth to the CMA and to benefiting from his

experience as one of Scotland's foremost business leaders. His knowledge of markets and the water industry will be invaluable to the CMA.

"I'd like to thank Brian Saunders for his chairmanship and support. He has overseen the CMA with great skill and insight from market opening through to the healthy competition we see today with 24 Licensed Providers and a high percentage of switching."

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