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## The Society for the Environment Elects New Chair

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**At the recent Society for the Environment AGM, the Council unanimously elected Professor Will Pope HonFSE CEnv as Chair of the Society for his second spell in the position.**

The Society is delighted to elect Will as Chair, and are very much looking forward to continuing with, and developing upon, the progress made over recent years. The Society and its registrants have increasingly key roles to play now, and in future years, as the environment and sustainability come to the forefront of decision making processes across sectors.

The Society is enthusiastic in its aims to further increase the voice and status of Chartered Environmentalists and Registered Environmental Technicians, as well as the Society as a whole for the public benefit.

Will replaces Dr Peter Matthews CBE OBE HonFSE CEnv who completes his second term as Chair of the Society, which spanned between July 2015 and July 2017. Peter is continuing his involvement with the Society through his election as Chair of the Remuneration Committee.

Alongside Peter, Will was a member of the initial, ambitious group who formed the Society for the Environment in 1999. Since then, he has held a number of key roles in the Society including Chair, Chair of the Remuneration Committee and a member of the Honorary Fellows Panel and Audit and Risk Assurance Committee.

Will has a wealth of experience, leadership and expertise gained from senior roles within industry, the NHS and academia, including at chairman and chief executive level. He was CEO of the UK's largest integrated health, safety and environmental business for 10 years and has been one of the UK's leaders in managing and developing environmental technology companies over the last 35 years. In addition, he has been a Council member and Chair of a Licensed Body of the Society, the Institution of Environmental Sciences (IES), and was elected as a Vice President of IES in 2005.

CEO of the Society for the Environment, Dr Emma Wilcox, commented; "I look forward to working with our new Chair and drawing from his knowledge and experience to achieve further progression for the Society and develop opportunities for our registrants."

Committee Chairs also elected or re-elected at the AGM included:

- Dougal Driver CEnv – Vice Chair
- Martin Baxter CEnv – Chair of Registration Authority
- Dr Peter Matthews CBE HonFSE CEnv – Chair of Remuneration Committee
- Vacant – Audit and Risk Assurance Committee
- Professor Carolyn Roberts CEnv – Chair of Honorary Fellow Panel
- Alan Harper CEnv – Honorary Secretary
- Ian Byrne CEnv – Honorary Treasurer

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**About the Society for the Environment**

The Society for the Environment, is comprised of 24 Licenced Bodies, with over 500,000 members between them. It received a Royal Charter in 2004, which empowers it to regulate the Chartered Environmentalist (CEnv) and Registered Environmental Technician (REnvTech) registration in the UK. There are now over 7,000 environmental professionals currently registered who share a common vision of delivering sustainability through environmental professionalism. Further information can be found at [www.socenv.org.uk](http://www.socenv.org.uk).

**About Professor Will Pope HonFSE CEnv, Chair of the Society for the Environment**

Will was a member of the initial, ambitious group who formed the Society for the Environment in 1999. Since then, he has held a number of key roles in the Society including Chair, Chair of the Remuneration Committee and a member of the Honorary Fellows Panel and Audit and Risk Assurance Committee. Will is also a current Vice President of the Institution of Environmental Sciences (IES).

Will has a wealth of experience, leadership and expertise gained from senior roles within industry, the NHS and academia, including at chairman and chief executive level. He was CEO of the UK's largest integrated health, safety and environmental business for 10 years and has been one of the UK's leaders in managing and developing environmental technology companies over the last 35 years. In addition, he has been a Council member and Chair of Licensed Body IES, IES Chair from 1999-2002 and was elected Vice President in 2005.

**About Dr Emma Wilcox, CEO of the Society for the Environment**

Emma has been CEO of the Society since July 2015 and since joining the organisation has led the development of a new five-year strategy increasing registrations and profile for Chartered Environmentalists and Registered Environmental Technicians.

Her career has spanned a number of disciplines including scientific research, knowledge and technology transfer, skills and education, programme and business management and stakeholder and relationship management. Emma's strong academic background is supported by an in-depth knowledge of both public and private sector landscapes.

**The 24 Licensed Bodies of the Society for the Environment are:**

Arboricultural Association (AA)  
Chartered Association of Building Engineers (CABE)  
Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists (CIAT)  
Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM)  
Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB)  
Chartered Institution of Wastes Management (CIWM)  
Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management (CIWEM)  
Energy Institute (EI)  
Institute of Agricultural Management (IAgrM)  
Institute of Chartered Foresters (ICF)  
Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA)  
Institute of Fisheries Management (IFM)  
Institute of Materials, Minerals & Mining (IOM3)

Institute of Water (IWater)  
Institution of Agricultural Engineers (IAgrE)  
Institution of Chemical Engineers (IChemE)  
Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE)  
Institution of Engineering Designers (IED)  
Institution of Environmental Sciences (IES)  
Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE)  
Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS)  
Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC)  
Society of Environmental Engineers (SEE)  
Society of Operations Engineers (SOE)