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EXETER SCIENCE PARK SEEKS CHAIR FOR NEW BOARD

The newly formed Board of the Exeter Science Park has announced its intention to recruit an independent Chair to act as the external ambassador for this high profile project.

As the responsibility for delivering the Science Park passes from the Steering Group to a new Board, the appointee will join six Directors, each of whom represent one of the project partners. These are David Allen (University of Exeter), Richard Ball (Exeter City Council), Alan Douglas (Met Office), Cllr Peter Halse (East Devon District Council), Cllr Humphrey Temperley (Devon County Council), and Ian Thompson (SWRDA).

David Allen, current Chair of the Steering Group explained 'We are looking for a Chair with a number of exceptional qualities and the experience to lead a project of this magnitude and importance. In particular, it needs someone with a proven track record of leadership who is also highly respected in the business and academic communities. It's a tough brief, but we're determined to find the right person.'

The Exeter Science Park will occupy a prominent site at Redhayes close to Junction 29 of the M5. It involves an investment of more than £240 million and will offer extensive new facilities encouraging enterprise within the technology, engineering, medicine and knowledge based sectors. It will provide high quality office space and business support and play a key role in helping to diversify and reinforce the local economy leading to the creation of 1,600 jobs.

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