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### CIHE appoints David Docherty as new CEO

David Docherty, one of Britain's leading media executives, has been appointed Chief Executive of the Council for Industry and Higher Education (CIHE). He will shadow the current Chief Executive, Richard Brown, from 1 April and take over on 1 June.

Dr Docherty, currently Chairman of Internet-tv company, IPVision, was formerly a member of the BBC's Board of Management as the corporation's first Director of New Media and Deputy Director of Television. He was chairman of Governors of the then University of Luton and led the drive to turn it into the University of Bedfordshire.

Announcing the decision of the Trustees, Richard Greenhalgh, CIHE Chairman, said "David was our dream candidate and we are delighted that he is joining. His mix of skills and experience is a perfect fit for the CIHE. He has experience of the public sector at the highest level at the BBC. He has experience of small entrepreneurial businesses and he has been a very successful university chairman."

He added: "David will build on the leadership position the Council has on the issues that concern businesses, universities and colleges. We have been immensely fortunate that Richard Brown has established the Council as such a respected force over the past 12 years and are now thrilled to have such a worthy successor."

Docherty said: "The defining characteristic of my career has been an interest in the future – from driving the digital revolution at the BBC to chairing a young university helping to produce new generations of talented high achievers. Joining the CIHE as CEO helps to bring together my abiding interests in education and business and I look forward to continuing the work of the Council in bringing together the academic and commercial worlds – to the benefit of both."

*Dr David Doherty is a seasoned Chair and Chief Executive with twelve years of experience driving digital and new media businesses in both the private and public sectors. As well as a distinguished BBC career, he headed up cable company Telewest's drive into broadband content and was Chief Executive of YooMedia – an interactive media company - and of CSC Media, which owns the largest group of independent TV channels in the UK.*

*He has written extensively on media and technology convergence and has published three novels.*

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#### Notes for Editors

*CIHE is a high level partnership between leading people from a wide range of businesses, universities and colleges. The Council leads in developing an agreed agenda on the learning issues at higher education level that affect our international competitiveness, social cohesion and individual development.*

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