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ECOTEC Research and Consulting has appointed a new Director of its Social Policy Division. From September, Chris Walker will take over from Alice Hocking who will now lead ECOTEC's Crime and Justice work. The appointment was confirmed by Chris Ralph, ECOTEC's Chairman.

Chris Walker said "I am thrilled to have the opportunity to lead ECOTEC's social policy work. My priorities going forward will be to reinforce our position as UK and EU leaders in cutting edge social policy research, evaluation and consultancy. With major changes in the economy and society, I want to build on our reputation for high quality insights across Children, Young People and Families, Learning and Skills, Equalities, Crime and Justice, and Work, Welfare and Financial Inclusion".

Chris has worked for ECOTEC for 10 years, delivering a number of high profile programmes, most recently including the Youth Sector Development Fund for DCSF and Pan London ESF. He brings extensive experience of the role of effective delivery in policy and will work with ECOTEC's wider ECORYS network of offices worldwide.

Background:

ECOTEC is the operating name for ECORYS in the UK and has for the past 25 years provided cutting edge programme management, research and consulting services, as well as, more recently, building expertise in international development.

ECORYS is one of Europe's largest technical assistance, social development, research and consulting companies. The company is independent and employee owned, with 550 staff in offices in the UK and throughout a network of offices worldwide.

The social policy business unit supplied public and third sector clients with research, consultancy and evaluation services across the key theme areas of Children, Young People and Families, Learning and Skills, Equalities, Crime and Justice, and Work, Welfare and Financial Inclusion.

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