

# News Release

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## **CHIEF EXECUTIVE - ANNOUNCEMENT**

The London Docklands Development Corporation announced today (12th October 1990) that they have agreed to release their Chief Executive, Michael Honey, to enable him to take up the post of Chief Executive of Gloucestershire County Council in November.

In announcing the departure, David Hardy, Chairman of the LDDC said :

"I fully understand Michael Honey's wish to advance his career at this stage, and congratulate him on this top appointment. He certainly has done a great job for London Docklands.

Michael tackled a challenging task of securing major new transport infrastructure projects, and strengthening the LDDC's approach to the social aspects of regeneration.

During his term of office, the LDDC has made tremendous progress on many fronts. The Limehouse Link, other key road schemes and the Beckton extension of the Docklands Light Railway are well under way. Big strides have been made in securing more and better housing, education, training, and recreation opportunities and other social infrastructure benefits in close co-operation with statutory and local authorities.

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He has impressed me with his determination and dedication and especially his successful drive to create a new spirit of co-operation and community in London Docklands. The Board and I wish him every success for the future.

When he came, Richmond was good enough to release him early, and we have agreed to do the same for Gloucestershire."

Michael Honey said : "The last few years have seen London Docklands change from aspiration to assured success. This will now clearly be London's third business district, served by a £3 billion transport system, and key to London's continued role as the business and financial capital of Europe. What was a derelict area a few years ago is now the largest, fastest, most successful urban regeneration project in the world and I wish everyone involved with it continued success."

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Editor's note : Michael Honey came to the LDDC in 1988 from the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames where he was Chief Executive.

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