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NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE APPOINTED

Michael Honey, currently Chief Executive of the London Borough of Richmond Upon Thames, has been appointed Chief Executive of the London Docklands Development Corporation (LDDC).

Mr Honey will be taking up his appointment as soon as possible. He is qualified in architecture, urban design and city planning and has trained and practised in the United Kingdom and the United States in both the public and private sectors. (Full career details attached.)

Michael Honey has been Chief Executive at Richmond since 1980. He is Secretary to the London Boroughs Grants Committee, the London-wide body which supports the voluntary sector, and is Secretary to the London Boroughs Transport Committee.

Commenting on his appointment, Mr Honey said: "Working for Docklands will be a privilege and a great challenge. There is now no doubt about the viability of Docklands in terms of physical regeneration. The challenge is to make it work equally well as a community, for the benefit of the whole of London. Getting local people trained for the new jobs in Docklands must be a main priority."

Sir Christopher Benson, Chairman of the LDDC added;
"We are delighted that Michael Honey will be joining
us as Chief Executive. The width and breadth of his
experience in architecture, planning and urban design,
both here and abroad, will be invaluable to the
Corporation and to the whole future success of
Docklands. I am also pleased to note that the
Department of the Environment have announced today the
appointment of David Hardy, former Chairman of the
Docklands Light Railway, as Deputy Chairman of the
LDDC."

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Michael Honey holds a Diploma in Architecture, from Regent Street Polytechnic, and a M.A. in Urban Design and a M.Sc. in City Planning from Columbia University, New York (1966-68).

Prior to attending Columbia he worked as an architect for Kruger, Lake and Henderson in Albuquerque, New Mexico (1962-63) and for Raymond Andrews and Partners, London (1965-66). In 1968 he joined the Boston Redevelopment Authority, Boston, Massachusetts as a City Planner.

He moved back to the U.K. in 1971 and took up the post of Senior Programme Planner and later Programme Planning Manager at the London Borough of Greenwich. Before joining the London Borough of Richmond he was Head of the Executive Office at the London Borough of Croydon (1974-80).

Michael Honey is married with four daughters and lives in Greenwich. His interests include music, theatre, reading, sailing and windsurfing.