

DVLA appoints David Jones as its new chair

The Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) has appointed David Jones as its non-executive chair.

Mr Jones has a proven track record in digital services and is currently a non-executive director at communications regulator Ofcom and water industry regulator Ofwat.

Welshman Mr Jones was chief technology officer at Cardiff-based Aspro Travel Group before setting up his own business, Travelink Software.

Mr Jones, who lives in Cardiff, will take up his post at the end of January when Lesley Cowley stands down after nine years at the helm of the Swansea-based agency.

Roads Minister Guy Opperman said: "I would like to thank Lesley for her dedication and amazing work with the DVLA over the past nine years. I look forward to working closely with David to ensure the DVLA continues to deliver fast and efficient services for customers, as well as deliver on their digital transformation work.

Mr Jones said: "I am excited to join the DVLA as chair. Both my parents were from Swansea, so this feels like coming home. DVLA has already demonstrated a commendable capability in digital transformation, and I look forward to steering this forward. We stand at the cusp of exciting technological advancements and as the DVLA embraces new horizons, we will remain focused on ensuring that technological progression continues to serve, enhance and simplify the lives of every motorist in the country.

DVLA chief executive Julie Lennard said: "I am very much looking forward to working with David. These are exciting

times for DVLA and David's knowledge and experience will be of great benefit as we continue our work to increase the take up of our excellent digital services."