Chief Executive change at ESFA

News story

Eileen Milner to stand down as Chief Executive of ESFA



Dame Irene Lucas-Hays, ESFA Chair, said:

Eileen Milner, currently the Chief Executive of ESFA, will become Chief Executive of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, in the autumn.

When Eileen took the leadership role, in November 2017, ESFA was in its infancy after changing its structure in March 2017, following a merger of the Skills Funding Agency and Education Funding Agency. Eileen has been responsible for successfully overseeing billions of pounds worth of funding into the education and skills system and delivering on its promise, as a funding agency, to ensure year-onyear funding is delivered on time and with accuracy, including throughout the past year during the pandemic.

I, and her colleagues at ESFA, have welcomed and very much appreciated Eileen's measured and calm approach, and her authentic communications and leadership style. I truly believe that Eileen has led the ESFA with great skill and competency and it has been a pleasure working with her.

I would like to thank Eileen for all that she has done for ESFA, the education system and the sector. I wish her all the very best in her new role.

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