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Planning Inspectorate appoints Chief Planning Inspector

Peter Burley, currently Director for the Planning Inspectorate Wales, has been appointed as the Chief Planning Inspector for the Planning Inspectorate. Peter, who has worked for 22 years in the Planning Inspectorate, will take up his new role from April 2012.

The Chief Planning Inspector will provide the professional leadership, direction and management of a single team of Inspectors when the Planning Inspectorate integrates with the Infrastructure Planning Commission in April 2012. This will also be a key leadership and management role within the restructured organisation.

The Chief Planning Inspector will report to Sir Michael Pitt, Chief Executive of the Planning Inspectorate, who said: "I am delighted to announce the appointment of Peter Burley as the Chief Planning Inspector for a new, integrated organisation. Peter brings to this role significant professional knowledge, exceptional leadership skills and senior management experience. I am confident that Peter will lead and inspire our valued Inspector workforce to continue to perform their roles to a high standard as the Inspectorate undergoes a number of organisational changes over the next few years".

Peter said "I see my key priority as ensuring that Inspectors are well equipped to meet the changing demands of the role whilst maintaining the highest standards of quality across the extensive range of casework they undertake. We need to embrace innovative and value for money ways of improving the service we provide which both addresses the needs of our customers and enhances the reputation of the Inspectorate".

Peter Burley will continue as Director for Wales until he takes up the new post in April 2012.