

6 August 2009

Dr Pat Duffy

On 3 July 2009 at the request of the Chairs of both Sport England and UK Sport, I took up the position of Chair of sports coach UK on an interim basis. I was tasked in the first instance to review the 'circumstances of the Chief Executive'.

Dr Pat Duffy had in fact left the company after a Board meeting on 28 May 2009. In the last month I have fully reviewed the reasons for that departure and am absolutely satisfied that the Board took the right decision in the interests of sports coach UK.

Whilst Dr Pat Duffy had led the way in engaging successfully with and galvanising external partners to support and sign up to the National Coaching Framework, there existed a number of strategic, operational and personal issues within sports coach UK that led the Board to take their decision.

We wish Dr Pat Duffy well in his search for a new role and thank him for his contribution to the organisation.

Dr Tony Byrne (currently Managing Director of Coachwise), who has been acting as Chief Executive in the interim, will continue to do so until such time that a new appointment is made.

Philip Kimberley
Chair

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