



Media release

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## **New Selwyn District Council CEO appointed**

David Ward has been appointed as the new Chief Executive of Selwyn District Council.

Mr Ward is the current Chief Executive of Horowhenua District Council, and has been in this role since 2007. He has been working in local government for over 20 years, and was employed as the Corporate Services Manager at Tasman District Council from 1991 – 2007. Prior to that he worked as a Treasury Accountant for Sealord Products, and a Company Accountant for Skyline Enterprises in Queenstown.

He was born in Ashburton and was a student at Lincoln Primary School, he has family and friends in Canterbury.

Selwyn District Mayor Kelvin Coe says that the Council is pleased to announce Mr Ward's appointment. "There has been a strong interest in the Chief Executive position and the calibre of applicants was very high."

"David Ward comes from a strong local government background and is well positioned to take Selwyn forward into the future .

Selwyn is New Zealand's fastest growing district, and is also home to IZONE – New Zealand's largest industrial park.

Mayor Coe says that it is important that as a rapidly growing district the Council has strong leadership given the demands it will face in the future, and he is confident that Mr Ward will provide this.

David Ward says he is delighted to accept the new position with Selwyn District Council. "It's very exciting to be appointed to this role. I'm looking forward to working with staff and Councillors and making a difference here in Selwyn."

Former Selwyn CEO Paul Davey left the Council for a new role at CERA in February.

Mr Ward will start his new role on 1 July, taking over from Acting Chief Executive John Christensen.

***Issued on behalf of his worship the Mayor Kelvin Coe***