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## **PRESS RELEASE**

# **UNIVERSITY VOCATIONAL AWARDS COUNCIL ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT OF ITS NEW CHAIR**

**Bolton, Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2008:** The University Vocational Awards Council (UVAC) is very pleased to announce the appointment of Professor Joy Carter, Vice Chancellor of the University of Winchester, as its new Chair. Professor Carter takes over from Professor Sir David Melville, former Vice Chancellor of the University of Kent, who has been Chair of UVAC since 2003.

Professor Carter was appointed as Vice Chancellor of the University of Winchester in April 2006. Prior to joining Winchester, Professor Carter was Pro Vice Chancellor (Academic) at the University of Glamorgan for almost four years.

Professor Carter has published over 100 articles and has edited/contributed to nine books, book chapters, editorials and edited thematic sets. Professor Carter maintains an interest in international research and is currently International President of the Society for Environmental Geochemistry and Health. Professor Carter has particular interests in widening participation, workplace learning and in internationalisation and has been a Director of UVAC since 2003.

Professor Sir David Melville, UVAC outgoing Chair, commented:

“I am delighted that Joy has chosen to take on the role of Chair of UVAC. She is committed to the furtherance of higher vocational learning and has been a dedicated member of the UVAC Board for several years. I am extremely pleased to be handing on the baton to Joy and I am convinced that under Joy’s leadership, UVAC will continue to strengthen its position and influence in the higher vocational arena”.

Professor Carter added:

“I am very pleased to take over as Chair of UVAC and I look forward to continuing the excellent work done by Professor Sir David and his predecessors in the field of promoting higher vocational learning”.

“UVAC’s profile has increased tremendously under David’s leadership and I intend to build on this success during my time as Chair. We will continue to focus on supporting Higher Education, providing progression opportunities for work-based learners and recognising and valuing higher level vocational learning whenever and wherever it takes place”.

“I would like, on behalf of the UVAC Board of Directors, to thank David for his leadership and commitment to UVAC, which have extended over many years, and to wish him well in pursuing his other projects”.

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### **Notes to Editors**

#### **About UVAC**

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