



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **OLIVER TOLPUTT OF CT CONSTRUCTION LTD ELECTED CHAIR OF CECA NW**

Oliver Tolputt, Director of Chinley-based civil engineering contractors, CT Construction Ltd, was elected Chair of CECA NW, the Civil Engineering Contractors' Association North West at the association's Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 3 April 2019.

After serving as Vice Chair for two years, Oliver succeeds Danny O'Brien of J Murphy & Sons Ltd. His new Vice Chair is William Pye of Longridge-based William Pye Ltd, and his Junior Vice Chair is Adam, Onyett of Ellesmere Port-based D Morgan who were both elected at the AGM.

Oliver, who lives in New Mills, works on projects across all sectors of civil engineering. He has worked for over 20 years in the industry and has experience of highways, environmental, housing infrastructure and utilities construction projects.

After completing a Master's Degree at Sheffield University, Oliver began his career working throughout Scotland on water projects. He gained experience working for major contractors before taking up a position at CT Construction where he is responsible for the day to day running of the business.

As Chair of CECA NW, Oliver will play a central role in part of the UK's leading civil engineering trade association body that safeguards the interests of over 300 members across eight regions, which, together, carry out an estimated 70-80 per cent of all civil engineering activity in the UK, including transport, energy, communications, waste and water projects.

His focus for the year ahead will be on the need to attract more young people into the industry, to combat growing skills shortages.

Speaking of his appointment, Oliver Tolputt said, 'CECA's role is all about addressing the needs of its members and ensuring civil engineering contractors are supported effectively. After all, unlike other types of construction activity, civil engineering is about building and maintaining the UK's infrastructure, to ensure that we have clean water, safe roads and railways, and mobile phone signals, among many other aspects vital to our wellbeing.

'It is an honour to be elected Chairman, and I look forward playing an integral role in the organisation's activities, particularly focusing on the future of civil engineering, and how we attract young people into the sector.'

Commented Guy Lawson, Director of CECA NW, 'Oliver has already made a massive contribution to the work of CECA and is very much a champion for the interests of smaller, regional contractors.

'His knowledge and experience of the civil engineering sector will continue to play a vital role in ensuring that the region's civil engineering businesses develop a strong voice in the North West and beyond. I look forward to working with him as we address the capacity issues that are so important to ensuring projects are delivered safely and effectively for the sector's many clients.'

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Notes for editors:

CECA North West member companies have an estimated turnover of £2.2 billion and employ approximately 19,200 people in the region.

For each £1 increase in infrastructure investment, UK-wide GDP increases by a total of £1.30, and every £1 of infrastructure construction increases overall economic activity by £2.84.

The Civil Engineering Contractors Association (CECA) represents the companies that build, maintain and upgrade the UK's infrastructure. CECA maintains a close relationship with clients, government and the media to ensure that our members' expertise is shared as widely as possible.

An estimated 70-80% of all civil engineering activity annually is carried out by CECA members. CECA is made up of eight autonomous regional companies based across the UK.