

I took on the vacant post of Chief Executive in January of this year. As I reflect on the eight months from then until the time of writing this address, it seems to me that we have a stable Board that works collegiately together, a clear direction of travel as set out in the strategy and business plan that we published in July, and a number of achievements and successes that we have described in the Board's report to Council.

I commend my Board colleagues for their success in delivering so much in a relatively short period of time. How much of this success can be attributed to the present Chief Executive I leave to Council to decide.