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## **TWO ACFO MEMBERS SEEK FIRST-TIME ELECTION TO BOARD AT AGM**

Two members of ACFO, the UK's premier fleet decision-makers' organisation, are seeking first-time election to the organisation's board at the 2019 AGM.

The duo are Stewart Lightbody, head of fleet services at Anglian Water, who has 25 years motor industry experience including 18 years in fleet, and Ryan Coles, global travel and fleet manager at leading insurer Aviva, for the past six-and-a-half-years.

With two places on the board available - long-serving ACFO director and chairman John Pryor has already announced he will stand down at the AGM as he nears retirement from his job as fleet and travel manager at Arcadia Group, the leading fashion retailer, and Phil Redmond retired as a director at the end of 2018 - it means a straightforward members' ballot with the result announced at the 12<sup>th</sup> June AGM. Mr Lightbody was co-opted on to the ACFO board following Mr Redmond's retirement.

Additionally, by three-yearly rotation, Richard Baird, new business development director at Marshall Leasing, is seeking re-election to the board for a third term at the 2019 AGM.

ACFO has a six-strong board which is completed by present deputy chairman Caroline Sandall, director ESE UK Consulting and a former fleet manager at Barclays Bank; Debbie Floyde, group fleet and risk and facilities manager, Bauer Media; and Denise Lane, head of group fleet at Capita.

Mr Pryor said: "I am delighted that both Stewart and Ryan have agreed to stand for election for the first time to the ACFO board as they are both full-time professional fleet managers with significant experience.

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“Subject to ratification of their election at the 2019 AGM - and Richard being re-elected - it means that board composition is not only maintained in terms of a majority of directors being full-time professional fleet managers, but there is also an equal split between male and female directors.”

Mr Pryor, who has served on the ACFO board since 2006 and has been chairman since 2014, added: “I will be taking retirement from Arcadia Group after 30 years so will no longer be involved on a daily basis in the world of fleet operations or the growing strength of mobility. It therefore seemed to me to be inappropriate to continue as both a director and chairman.”

The chairman of ACFO is elected annually. Following the 2019 AGM, the new six-strong board will meet to elect a chairman for 2019/20.

### **Notes for Editors**

ACFO Ltd is a non-profit making organisation. It is the largest UK body representing the interests of businesses which operate cars and vans as part of their normal commercial activities.

Members are represented within ACFO by a named delegate, often but not exclusively, the fleet or transport manager of the member organisation. There is, however, a very wide range of job titles involved, reflecting the different styles of fleet operation. ACFO provides a national representation platform, and regional webinar-based networking opportunities, to support its key objective of improving the discipline and craft of fleet management, and its status.

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