

Watervoice Central Has Guardedly Welcomed OFWAT's Proposals To Limit Increases In Water And Sewerage Bills For Customers Of Severn Trent And South Staffs. It Is Calling On OFWAT To Make Sure That Average Bills Are No Higher When It Makes Its Final Decision In December

<http://www.nds.coi.gov.uk/>

Energy

*Press Release 01.09.2004

DTI—National Grid Becomes The GB System Operator Under The British Electricity Trading And Transmission Arrangements A Single Electricity Market For The Whole Of Britain Was A Step Closer Today After National Grid Company's Appointment As The GB System Operator Under The British Electricity Trading And Transmission Arrangements

<http://www.nds.coi.gov.uk/>

Finance & Banking

*European Press Release 26.08.2004

The Commission Pursues Its Improvements In The Protection Of The EU's Financial Interests

<http://www.europa.eu.int/rapid/start/>

Property

Website News 27.08.2004

Protecting School Playing Fields

The Rules That Govern The Sale Of School Playing Fields Are Being Upgraded. The New Guidelines Add To Legislation Introduced In 1998 To Stem The Previously Indiscriminate Sale Of Playing Fields By Local Authorities

http://www.direct.gov.uk/Newsroom/NewsArticle/fs/en?CONTENT_ID=4016449&chk=sv0Gwz

Social Policy

Charities

*Press Release 01.09.2004

Charity Commission—Charity Commission Names Date Of First Open Board Meeting

The Charity Commission Today Announced That Its First Open Board Meeting Will Take Place On 29 September In London

<http://www.nds.coi.gov.uk/>

Employment

*Press Release 01.09.2004

DTI—Employers Losing £3 Billion To Domestic Violence

Time Off Work Due To Injuries Caused By Domestic Violence Is Costing Employers And Workers Nearly £3 Billion A Year According To Figures Released Today By Deputy Women's Minister Jacqui Smith

<http://www.nds.coi.gov.uk/>

*European Press Release 26.08.2004

July 2004 Euro-Zone Unemployment Stable At 9.0%

<http://www.europa.eu.int/rapid/start/>

Social Security

*Press Release 01.09.2004

Department For Work And Pensions—Results From The DWP Omnibus Survey Of Local Authorities

Research Findings From The Local Authority Omnibus Survey Wave 9 Are Published Today

<http://www.nds.coi.gov.uk/>

*Press Release 01.09.2004

Department For Work And Pensions—Local Authorities Support Steps To Improve Housing Benefit Delivery

Local Authorities Welcome Steps Taken By The Department For Work And Pensions (DWP) To Simplify Housing Benefit. According To The Latest "Omnibus Survey Of Housing Benefit Managers" Published Today

<http://www.nds.coi.gov.uk/>

Transport & Environment

Motoring

*Press Release 01.09.2004

Department For Transport—Graduated Speeding Penalties: Consultation Launched

A Fairer System Of Penalties For Motorists Caught Speeding Was Outlined By Transport Secretary Alistair Darling Today

<http://www.nds.coi.gov.uk/>

Water

*Press Release 01.09.2004

Watervoice—Price Rises From 2005 Regional Water Watchdog Meets In Yeovil To Discuss Substantial Bill Increases

Watervoice Wessex Is Meeting In Yeovil Next Tuesday (7 September) To Discuss The Recent Announcement By OFWAT, The Water Regulator, That Water Bills Will Increase Well Above Inflation From April 2005

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Defence, Science & Technology

Research

*Press Release 01.09.2004

National Endowment For Science Technology And The Arts—Leading Scientists Urge Sector To Take The Time To Dream

Leading Scientists Including Astronomer Royal Sir Martin Rees Have Urged Their Colleagues To Apply For Dream Time

Fellowships From NESTA (The National Endowment For Science, Technology And The Arts), The Organisation That Invests In UK Creativity And Innovation, Before October's Deadline

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