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**KOMMUNENES INTERNASJONALE MILJØORGANISASJON
LOCAL AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL
ORGANISATION**

KIMO UK APPOINT NEW CHAIRMAN

KIMO UK has appointed a new Chairman, Councillor Angus Nicolson from Comhairle nan Eilean Siar (Western Islands Council). Councillor Nicolson will be the second UK Chair of the organisation. The first Chairman Councillor Jurgen Thomaneck (City of Aberdeen), who stepped down because of his retirement from local government, held the post for over 10 years and had served as KIMO International President and Senior Vice President during that time. Councillor Nicolson has also been elected KIMO International Junior Vice President at the recent 13th KIMO International Annual General Meeting in Denmark.



Councillor Angus Nicolson is Chair of the Environmental Services Committee of Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, the local authority for the Western Isles of Scotland. Aged 40, he is a partner in a firm of Chartered Accountants in Stornoway. Born and brought up in Stornoway, he returned to the islands 15 years ago after qualifying, and has developed a very successful business. First elected in 1999, he has been Chair of the Committee for two years.

Chairman of KIMO UK Councillor Angus Nicolson speaking after his election said, “ *I am extremely pleased to have received the support of my fellow Councillors for this position. KIMO UK has a long tradition under the stewardship of Councillor Thomaneck of representing the interest of our membership in the UK when it comes to the issues of marine pollution. These issues are still with us. Marine litter and oil pollution continue to wash up on our coastlines, the risks of maritime disasters such as the Erika and Prestige oil tanker disasters fully illustrate the problems we have experienced with smaller incidents such as the Jambo on the west coast of Scotland and the ‘RMS Mulhem’ on the south coast of England. I believe that our organisation can make a real difference in taking these issues to national and international decision makers to improve the current situation and I look forward to playing an active role in this process.*”

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