



Moorcroft steps down as CEO of UK Athletics

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David Moorcroft has resigned after nine years as Chief Executive of UK Athletics. In a statement he said that the time is right for him to step aside and allow his successor ample time to prepare for London 2012, and that he is proud of UK Athletics he is leaving behind. He will stay on at UKA while a successor is recruited to ensure a smooth handover.

Commenting on his decision, John Steele, Chief Executive of UK Sport, said:

"This is a brave decision which is typical of a man who has always put his sport first. With the unique challenge of 2012 looming, David has realised that if change is needed, it is better that it happens sooner rather than later.

"Everyone in his sport should be grateful for what he has achieved as Chief Executive. We will of course continue to work closely with him and UK Athletics during this vital transition period.

"Recent results in Gothenburg and Beijing have demonstrated that the future is encouraging and we must ensure that the planning for 2008 and then London 2012 remains firmly on track."

Richard Caborn, Minister for Sport, added:

"David Moorcroft has made a first-class contribution to athletics in this country, both as a world record breaking competitor and as an administrator. He came into UK Athletics at a very difficult time for the sport and leaves it financially in a much healthier state and with our next generation of young stars performing well in Gothenburg and at the World Junior Championships in Beijing. Dave is a man of integrity and I wish him every success in the future.



David Moorcroft
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