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Solicitor joins city firm as director and department head

NICHE law specialist Bertram Fairbanks has appointed Robert Scott as a director and head of litigation.

The civil and commercial litigation solicitor has joined the Exeter-based firm which provides advice on corporate, commercial and property law.

Fellow director Neal Bertram said: “We have been actively recruiting staff in line with our ongoing ambitious expansion plans. Robert is a highly regarded and well-known commercial litigation lawyer who has worked

closely with us as a consultant over the last 12 months and has been closely involved in our strategic expansion, and I’m proud to announce his new permanent appointment.

“Robert has a well-earned reputation as one of the leading litigation lawyers in Exeter and across Devon and received a warm welcome in his new senior role, which in turn will confirm Bertram Fairbanks as the go-to commercial litigation firm in the city of Exeter and beyond.”

Mr Scott added: “Based in Exeter, I

have conducted a wide range of civil and commercial litigation matters, including complex and high-value individual and commercial claims for more than 30 years.

“I’ve really enjoyed being a consultant to Bertram Fairbanks for the past year and am excited to be a director heading up litigation.

“I’ve got to know the firm well throughout that period of time and so already feel very much part of the team and am very enthusiastic about my permanent position.”



» Bertram Fairbanks’ Robert Scott Tony Parker

Partnership to hold free event to help grow ideas to build region’s economy

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AN update on the ambitious vision for the Great South West, the region’s powerhouse partnership, will be shared at the Exeter College Future Skills Centre next month.

The Great South West is one of the country’s pan-regional partnerships, alongside the Northern Powerhouse, Midlands Engine and Western Gateway, covering Devon, Cornwall, the Isles of Scilly, Dorset and Somerset. It is led by business, and focused on delivering a larger and more productive economy, unlocking the potential of the region’s green and blue economies and driving investment.

Since gaining formal recognition from Government in January, the Great South West is holding a series of regional events to share insights into its ambitions and progress.

Following its first event in Taunton in March, the Partnership is holding an Exeter event on June 16.

Karl Tucker, chair of the Great South West, said: “We are looking forward to meeting with business leaders, education providers and authorities from across Devon as we continue to develop our plans to build our economy, champion our region and tap into our potential as a world-leader in the green and blue economies.”

People from local businesses, universities, colleges and authorities are invited to attend the free event to discuss the next steps for the region’s journey.

It comes after the marine and maritime sectors’ key opportunities and challenges were presented by stakeholders at a Great South West event at the University of Exeter on May 4.

The event was held by Great South West and Maritime UK South West to understand the priorities for the region’s leading marine and maritime economy.



» The Great South West is holding an event on the region’s ‘blue and green’ economies in Exeter next month Getty Images/iStockphoto



» Great South West chair Karl Tucker

The Great South West aims to promote the region’s ‘blue and green’ economies as part of its ambition to be the first region to become net zero.

Stakeholders including Princess Yachts, Cornwall Marine Network, Celtic Sea Power and PML Applications

came together to understand how the region can contribute to the Government’s key priorities, including increasing inward investment and exports, establishing the country as a science superpower and transitioning to net zero.

Mr Tucker said: “This event was a fantastic opportunity to really understand the challenges facing our marine and maritime sectors.

“Our region’s long-established history in the sector, and unrivalled marine assets, offer a fantastic opportunity to contribute to the country’s economic and net zero ambitions.

“We must work with Government to tackle the challenges facing our marine and maritime sectors, and unlock the potential of our blue economy.”

Kevin Forshaw, chair of Maritime UK South West, added: “The Great South

West provides a hugely significant opportunity for the region at a time when the blue and green economies are front and centre of thinking, both nationally and internationally.

“Maritime UK South West is delighted to be able to bring together R&D active businesses with leading academic researchers in our networks, to crystallise the transformational economic opportunities that will enable safe and sustainable exploitation of the ocean economy.

“This will create wealth in the region, while safeguarding our natural capital and providing global export opportunities for our thought leadership and USPs.”

To register for next month’s event, see eventbrite.com/e/great-south-west-regional-briefing-devon-tickets-626186379317

