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Marathon man Brian raises £4k for charity

OVER £4,000 has been raised by physicist Professor Brian Cox after he ran a half-marathon in memory of a Red Arrows pilot.

Professor Brian Cox, who is a patron of the Jon Egging Trust, has collected £4,221.78 after taking on the Great North Run on Sunday for the cause with a finishing time of one hour, 53minutes and 33seconds.

The charity was set up in tribute to the pilot who died at the end of a display at Bournemouth Air Festival in August 2011.

Professor Cox was joined by Jon's widow, Dr Emma

Egging, and two of Jon's Red Arrows teammates, Chris Lyndon Smith and Ben Plank.

Professor Cox said on his fund-raising page that he is proud to represent the ethos and work of the Jon Egging Trust.

He added: "The most important thing that the Trust does is to show its students that there are possibilities out there."

"£45 a day is all its costs to put a young person on the Blue skies programme and change their lives."

For more information, go to Justgiving.com/PatronBC



STEPPING OUT: Professor Brian Cox and Dr Emma Egging at the finishing line of the Great North Run 2015 with two of the Jon Egging's Red Arrows teammates, Chris Lyndon Smith and Ben Plank

Director to get Poole's top job

Diana Henderson



POOLE council has finally appointed its new chief executive – the strategic director who has been heading the council for the past 18 months.

Andrew Flockhart will be recommended to take over the vacant top job at a full meeting of Borough of Poole on September 29.

He has been the council's interim chief executive since the retirement of the previous head of the authority, John McBride, in March last year.

The council launched two unsuccessful rounds of advertising for a new boss and despite offering nearly the same salary as the Prime Minister receives and using specialist advisers, no suitable candidate was identified.

Having boosted the pay from a maximum of £125,000 a year to £135,000 including a market supplement – just short of PM David Cameron's £142,500 – it has now dropped to between £114,174 and £124,941.

The borough then set up an appointments panel, made up of elected members from each of the three main political groups, restricting applicants to previous internal candidates for the post, Mr Flockhart and Jan Thurgood, interim deputy chief executive and strategic director people theme, who it is understood did not apply.

The committee, chaired by council leader Cllr Janet Walton, unanimously agreed to recommend Mr



APPOINTED: Andrew Flockhart and, right, Cllr Janet Walton

Flockhart following an interview in August.

Mr Flockhart said: "This is a huge honour and a fantastic opportunity to lead this authority and the many committed staff who serve the residents of Poole."

"Undoubtedly, there are challenges ahead with increasing demands for council services and reducing budgets. I am looking forward to working with councillors, colleagues and partners to do the best for everyone who lives, learns and works in Poole."

Cllr Walton said: "Andrew has covered the role very effectively as interim chief executive for more than a year, providing valuable experience and continuity at a time of significant challenge for the council."

"He impressed the appointments committee with his vision for the future of our town and the organisation. We were unanimous in recommending him to council as our next chief executive."

Before joining Borough of Poole in 1996, Mr Flockhart was assistant chief executive at Wolverhampton council for five years. His professional background is in planning, economic development and urban regeneration.

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