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**RESURRECTING CHRIS WOODHEAD WILL NOT WIN THE HEARTS, MINDS OR
VOTES OF TEACHERS, SAYS NASUWT**

Commenting on reports that an incoming Conservative Government would appoint the former Chief Inspector of Schools, Chris Woodhead, to review the National Curriculum framework, **Chris Keates, General Secretary of NASUWT**, the largest union representing teachers and headteachers throughout the UK, said:

"The prospect of turning back the clock by putting Chris Woodhead back into a position of responsibility at the highest level is one that teachers would view with grave concern.

"Teachers will rightly wonder why the Conservative Party is planning to hand the task of reviewing the National Curriculum to one of the architects of the original framework, which had to be abandoned because it was overly burdensome, bureaucratic and not fit for purpose.

"Not only did Mr Woodhead help devise the original curriculum framework but in his capacity as Chief Inspector of Schools he presided over one of the most punitive systems of accountability ever witnessed, and one which failed to win the trust and respect of the majority of parents or teachers.

"Mr Woodhead has not proved to be the sort of figure to be entrusted with reviewing the education system. It would be a grave error to repeat the mistakes of the past, rather than build on the major successes that have been achieved in our schools in recent years.

"Resurrecting Chris Woodhead will not win the hearts, minds or votes of teachers."

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