

**Pre-appointment hearings held by select committees of the House of Commons  
July 2007—May 2019**

This table lists pre-appointment hearings for senior public appointments held by select committees of the House of Commons under arrangements first set out in the Green Paper *The Governance of Britain* (CM 7170, July 2007).

Arrangements for such hearings are governed jointly by guidance to Government departments issued by the Cabinet Office and by guidelines for select committees adopted by the Liaison Committee of the House of Commons.

Hearings are listed chronologically by department of the appointing Minister.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Committee(s) involved</b>	<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Date of hearing [Date report made]*</b>	<b>Members present**</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Divisions (if any)</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
<b>Attorney-General's Office</b>							
HM Chief Inspector, Crown Prosecution Service	Justice	Mike Fuller	12 January 2010	8 (of 14)	Positive	None	Appointment made
HM Chief Inspector, Crown Prosecution Service	Justice	Kevin McGinty	11 March 2015	5 (of 12)	Positive	None	Appointment made
<b>Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy</b>							
Chair, Economic and Social Research Council	Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills	Dr Alan Gillespie	5 May 2009	7 (of 14)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Chair, Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council	Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills	Sir Tom Blundell	13 May 2009	6 (of 14)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Chair, Science and Technology Facilities Council	Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills	Professor Michael Sterling	13 July 2009	4 (of 13)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Chair, Technology Strategy Board	Science and Technology	Phil Smith	24 October 2011	4 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made

Director, Office for Fair Access	Business, Innovation and Skills	Professor Leslie Ebdon	2 February 2012 [6 February 2012]	8 (of 11) [10 (of 11)]	Negative	4-2 on recommendation	Appointment made
Chair, Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council	Science and Technology	Dr Paul Golby	7 March 2012	7 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Chair, Medical Research Council	Science and Technology	Donald Brydon	11 July 2012	6 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Groceries Code Adjudicator	Business, Innovation and Skills	Christine Tacon	27 February 2013	9 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Chair, Natural Environment Research Council	Science and Technology	Sir Anthony Cleaver	21 October 2013	6 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Chair, Arts and Humanities Research Council	Science and Technology	Sir Drummond Bone	27 January 2014	4 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Chair, Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council	Science and Technology	Professor Sir Gordon Duff	2 March 2015	5 (of 10)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Chair, UK Research and Innovation	Science and Technology	Sir John Kingman	31 January 2018	5 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Executive Chair, Medical Research Council	Science and Technology	Professor Fiona Watt	31 January 2018	5 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Chair, Competition and Markets Authority	Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS)	Rt Hon Andrew Tyrie	24 April 2018	8 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Chair, Ofgem	BEIS	Professor Martin Cave	3 July 2018	8 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
<b>Cabinet Office</b>							
Chair, Statistics Board	Treasury	Sir Michael Scholar	18 July 2007	6 (of 14)	Positive	None	Appointment made

Chair, House of Lords Appointments Commission	Public Administration Select Committee (PASC)	Lord (Michael) Jay of Ewelme	22 July 2008	7 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Chair, Advisory Council on Business Appointments	PASC	Lord (Ian) Lang of Monkton	26 November 2009	8 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
First Civil Service Commissioner and Commissioner for Public Appointments	PASC	Sir David Normington	16 November 2010	6 (of 11)	Positive	2-1 on Chair's draft report	Appointment made
Chair, UK Statistics Authority	PASC	Dame Janet Finch	28 June 2011	7 (of 11)	No report issued	N/A	Candidate withdrew
Chair, UK Statistics Authority	PASC	Andrew Dilnot	6 December 2011	5 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and Health Service Ombudsman for England	PASC	Dame Julie Mellor	6 July 2011	8 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Chair, Charity Commission	PASC	William Shawcross	5 September 2012	8 (of 11)	Positive	4-3 on final report	Appointment made
Chair, Committee on Standards in Public Life	PASC	Lord (Paul) Bew	11 July 2013	5 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Chair, House of Lords Appointments Commission	Political and Constitutional Reform Committee (PCRC)	Lord (Ajay) Kakkar	18 July 2013	5 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Registrar of Consultant Lobbyists	PCRC	Alison White	11 September 2014	8 (of 11)	Positive	4-3 on final report	Appointment made
	PASC	Baroness (Angela) Browning	9 December 2014	6 (of 11)	Positive	4-1 on final report	Appointment made

Chair, Advisory Council on Business Appointments							
Commissioner for Public Appointments	Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee (PACAC)	Rt Hon Peter Riddell CBE	12 April 2016	10 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
First Civil Service Commissioner	PACAC	Ian Watmore	06 September 2016	4 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and Health Service Ombudsman for England	PACAC and Health (jointly)	Rob Behrens CBE	18 January 2017	5 (of 11) PACAC 3 (of 11) Health	Positive	None	Appointment made
Chair, UK Statistics Authority	PACAC	Sir David Norgrove	24 January 2017	5 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Chair, House of Lords Appointments Commission	PACAC	Lord (Paul) Bew	6 September 2018	4 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Registrar of Consultant Lobbyists	PACAC	Harry Rich	13 September 2018	4 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Chair, Committee on Standards in Public Life	PACAC	Lord (Jonathan) Evans	9 October 2018	5 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
<b>Department for Education</b>							
Children's Commissioner for England	Children, Schools and Families	Dr Maggie Atkinson	12 October 2009	9 (of 14)	Negative	None	Appointment made
HM Chief Inspector, Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted)	Education	Sir Michael Wilshaw	1 November 2011	5 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made

Chief Regulator of Qualifications and Examinations	Education	Glenys Stacey	1 February 2012	6 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Chair, Social Mobility and Child Poverty Commission	Education	Rt Hon Alan Milburn	10 July 2012	6 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Children’s Commissioner for England	Education	Anne Longfield OBE	11 November 2014	6 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Chief Inspector of Qualifications and Examinations	Education	Sally Collier	16 March 2016	9 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Chair, Equality and Human Rights Commission	Joint Committee on Human Rights and Women and Equalities Committee (jointly)	David Isaac	23 March 2016 [WEC Report: 3 May 2016 JCHR Report: 4 May 2016]	6 (of 12) JCHR 8 (of 11) WEC	Neutral	N/A	Appointment made
HM Chief Inspector, Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted)	Education	Amanda Spielman	29 June 2016 [5 July 2016]	11 (of 11) [8 (of 11)]	Negative	None	Appointment made
Chair of the Office for Students	Education	Sir Michael Barber	21 February 2017	4 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Chair, Social Mobility Commission	Education	Dame Martina Milburn	11 July 2018	5 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
<b>Department for Communities and Local Government</b>							
Chair, Infrastructure Planning Commission	Communities and Local Government	Sir Michael Pitt	16 March 2009	6 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Deputy Chair, Infrastructure Planning Commission	Communities and Local Government	Robert Upton	20 July 2009	7 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made

Deputy Chair, Infrastructure Planning Commission	Communities and Local Government	Dr Pauleen Lane	20 July 2009	7 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Local Government Ombudsman and Vice Chair of the Commission for Local Administration in England	Communities and Local Government	Dr Jane Martin	12 October 2009	6 (of 11)	Positive	2-1 on report	Appointment made
Chair, Homes and Communities Agency Regulation Committee	Communities and Local Government	Julian Ashby	31 October 2011	11 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Chair, Audit Commission	Communities and Local Government	Jeremy Newman	3 September 2012	9 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Housing Ombudsman	Communities and Local Government	Denise Fowler	16 December 2014	7 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Local Government Ombudsman	Communities and Local Government	Michael King	1 November 2016	4 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
<b>Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport</b>							
Chairman, Ofcom	Business and Enterprise <b>and</b> Culture, Media and Sport (jointly)	Dr Colette Bowe	13 January 2009	7 (of 11) BER; 4 (of 11) CMS	Positive	None	Appointment made
Chair, BBC Trust	Culture, Media and Sport	Lord Patten of Barnes	10 March 2011	9 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Chair, S4C Authority	Welsh Affairs <b>and</b> Culture, Media and Sport (jointly)	Huw Jones	24 May 2011	9 (of 12) WA; 6 (of 11) CMS	Positive	None	Appointment made
Chair, Equality and Human Rights Commission	Joint Committee on Human Rights	Baroness (Onora) O'Neill	16 October 2012	10 (of 12)	Positive	None	Appointment made

Chairman, Ofcom	Culture, Media and Sport	Dame Patricia Hodgson	17 December 2013	11 (of 11)	Positive	7-1 on report	Appointment made
Chair, BBC Trust	Culture, Media and Sport	Rona Fairhead	9 September 2014	9 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Information Commissioner	Culture, Media and Sport	Elizabeth Denham	27 April 2016	5 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Chair, BBC Board	Culture, Media and Sport	Sir David Clementi	17 January 2017	8 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Chair, Ofcom	Digital, Culture, Media and Sport	Lord Burns	13 December 2017	9 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Chair, Charity Commission	Digital, Culture, Media and Sport	Baroness Stowell	20 February 2018 [27 February 2018]	9 (of 11) [5 (of 11)]	Negative	None	Appointment made
<b>Ministry of Defence</b>							
Service Complaints Commissioner	Defence	Nicola Williams	26 November 2014	6 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
<b>Department for Energy and Climate Change</b>							
Chair, Committee on Climate Change	Energy and Climate Change	Lord Deben (John Gummer)	4 September 2012	10 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Chair, Gas and Electricity Markets Authority (Ofgem)	Energy and Climate Change	David Gray	10 September 2013	7 (of 11)	Positive	5-1 on report	Appointment made
<b>Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs</b>							
Chair, Water Services Regulation Authority (Ofwat)	Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	Jonson Cox	4 July 2012	8 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Chair, Natural England	Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	Paul Christensen	25 November 2009	11 (of 14)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Chair, Gangmasters Licensing Authority	Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	Margaret McKinlay	5 July 2011	4 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made

Chair, Natural England	Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	Andrew Sells	11 December 2013	7 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Chair, Environment Agency	Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	Philip Dilley	15 July 2014	6 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Chair, Environment Agency	Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	Emma Boyd-Howard	13 September 2016 14 September 2016	5 (of 11) [11 (of 11)]	Positive	None	Appointment made
Chair, Natural England	Environment, Food and Rural Affairs <b>and</b> Environmental Audit (jointly)	Tony Juniper	26 February 2019	8 (of 10) EFRA 7 (of 16) EAC	Positive	None	Appointment made
<b>Department of Health</b>							
Chair, Care Quality Commission	Health	Baroness (Barbara) Young of Old Scone	8 May 2008	6 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Chair, Food Standards Agency	Health	Lord (Jeff) Rooker	6 July 2009	6 (of 11)	Positive	2-1 on report	Appointment made
Chair, Care Quality Commission	Health	Dame Jo Williams	9 September 2010	8 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Chair of the NHS Commissioning Board	Health	Professor Malcolm Grant	18 October 2011	7 (of 11)	Positive	4-3 on recommendation; 4-3 on report	Appointment made
Chair, Care Quality Commission	Health	David Prior	5 December 2012	6 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Chair, National Institute for Health and Care Excellence	Health	Professor David Haslam	11 December 2012	9 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Chair, Monitor	Health	Dominic Dodd	15 October 2013 [23 October 2013]	9 (of 11) [6 (of 11)]	Negative	3-2 on recommendation; 3-2 on report	Candidate withdrew
Chair, Care Quality Commission	Health	Peter Wyman	1 December 2015	8 (of 11)	Positive	None; 4-1 on report	Appointment made



Chair, Food Standards Agency	Health and Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Jointly)	Heather Hancock	5 January 2016	6 (of 11) H 6 (of 11) EFRA	Positive	None	Appointment made
Chief Investigator, Healthcare Safety Investigation Branch	PACAC	Keith Conradi	7 June 2016	6 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Chair, NHS Improvement	Health	Baroness Harding	17 October 2017	9 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Chair, NHS England	Health	Lord Prior	10 September 2018	6 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
<b>Home Office</b>							
HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary	Home Affairs	Sir Denis O'Connor	21 April 2009	12 (of 14)	Positive	None	Appointment made
HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary	Home Affairs	Tom Winsor	26 June 2012	10 (of 11)	Positive	6-1 on recommendation; 8-1 on report	Appointment made
<b>Department for International Development</b>							
Chief Commissioner, Independent Commission for Aid Impact	International Development	Graham Ward	11 October 2010	9 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Chief Commissioner, Independent Commission for Aid Impact	International Development	Dr Alison Evans	9 December 2014	8 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Chief Commissioner, Independent Commission for Aid Impact	International Development	Dr Tamsyn Barton	4 September 2018	(of 11)			
<b>Ministry of Justice</b>							
Chair, Office for Legal Complaints	Justice	Elizabeth France	21 October 2008	7 (of 14)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Information Commissioner	Justice	Christopher Graham	27 January 2009	6 (of 14)	Positive	None	Appointment made

HM Chief Inspector of Prisons	Justice	Nicholas Hardwick	10 March 2010	7 (of 14)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Chair, Judicial Appointments Commission	Justice	Christopher Stephens	31 January 2011	5 (of 14)	Positive	None	Appointment made
HM Chief Inspector of Probation	Justice	Diana Fulbrook	11 May 2011	8 (of 14)	Negative	None	Appointment not made
Prisons and Probation Ombudsman for England and Wales	Justice	Nigel Newcomen	17 May 2011	9 (of 14)	Positive	None	Appointment made
HM Chief Inspector of Probation	Justice	Paul McDowell	8 October 2013	8 (of 12)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Chair, Office for Legal Complaints	Justice	Stephen Green	10 December 2013	5 (of 12)	Positive	None	Appointment made
HM Chief Inspector of Prisons	Justice	Peter Clarke	24 November 2015 [25 November 2015]	8 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
HM Chief Inspector of Probation	Justice	Glenys Stacey	24 November 2015 [25 November 2015]	8 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Chair, Judicial Appointments Commission	Justice	Lord Kakkar	12 July 2016 [13 July 2016]	8 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Chair, Office for Legal Complaints	Justice	Wanda Goldwag	22 March 2017	7 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Prisons and Probation Ombudsman for England and Wales	Justice	Sue McAllister CB	17 July 2018	8 (of 11)	N/A (No report published)	N/A	Appointment made
HM Chief Inspector of Probation	Justice	Justin Russell	5 March 2019	8 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made

**Department for Transport**

Chair, Office of Rail Regulation	Transport	Anna Walker	29 April 2009	9 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Chair, Office of Rail Regulation	Transport	Declan Collier	5 November 2018	4 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made

### **HM Treasury\*\*\***

Chair, Office of Budget Responsibility	Treasury	Robert Chote	21 September 2010	9 (of 13)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Governor of the Bank of England	Treasury	Mark Carney	7 February 2013	12 (of 13)	Positive	None	Appointment made

### **Department for Work and Pensions**

Chair, Social Security Advisory Committee	Work and Pensions	Deep Sagar	30 March 2011	6 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Chair, Social Security Advisory Committee	Work and Pensions	Paul Gray	20 June 2012	5 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Pensions Ombudsman and Pension Protection Fund Ombudsman	Work and Pensions	Anthony Arter	11 February 2015	7 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made
Chair, Social Security Advisory Committee	Work and Pensions	Professor Sir Ian Diamond	09 May 2018	5 (of 11)	Positive	None	Appointment made

### **NOTES**

\*--dates in square brackets indicate occasions when a Committee met on a later date to consider a report on a candidate's suitability

\*\*--figures indicate the members recorded as attending all or part of the relevant meeting

\*\*\*--this table does not include post-appointment confirmation hearings for certain financial sector positions undertaken by the Treasury Committee under separate arrangements