

Chancellor launches search for the next Chair of the Office for Budget Responsibility



The statutory term of the current Chair of the OBR, Robert Chote, comes to an end in October this year. Mr Chote was first appointed in October 2010.

Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sajid Javid, said:

The OBR's independence and expertise is admired not just in Britain but across the world. Finding the right candidate to lead the OBR and build on the significant progress of the last 10 years is vital for maintaining the credibility of the UK's fiscal framework and our status as a world leader in fiscal transparency.

I look forward to working with Robert Chote to deliver my Budget on 11 March before he finishes his second term as Chair.

I would like to thank Robert for his significant contribution to the world-class work of the OBR over the last decade. He has led the OBR with intelligence, independence and integrity.

The OBR has executive responsibility for producing the official UK economic and fiscal forecasts, assessing the Government's performance against its fiscal rules and reporting on the sustainability of and risks to the public finances. As an independent institution, the OBR is committed to providing objective, transparent and impartial analysis.

The Chair of the OBR requires a deep expertise in economic and fiscal analysis and the ability to lead the Budget Responsibility Committee and the OBR's staff.

As with all Treasury appointments, the recruitment process for the next OBR Chair has been designed to ensure that the most qualified candidate is appointed from the broadest possible pool of applicants.

The role has been advertised on the [Cabinet Office public appointments](#)

[website](#) and is open to applications until 19 March 2020.

Following interviews, the appointment will be made by the Chancellor and is subject to the consent of the Treasury Select Committee.

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