Forestry Commissioner reappointed

Forestry Commissioner Julia Grant has been reappointed as a board member for a second three-year term from 1 November 2019 following the completion of her initial term in office.

Julia has held leadership roles in global consulting firms, insurance and the social sector in a career spanning 30 years and has deep experience of the link between the business and non-business worlds, including investing for impact. She is currently chief executive of Pro Bono Economics, a charity helping other charities and social enterprises to understand and improve their impact.

Prior to this she held leadership positions at Impetus the Private Equity Foundation, the National Gardens Scheme and Surrey Community Action (the rural community council for Surrey), where she built on her longstanding interest in landscape, heritage and the environment.

She has extensive non-executive and board experience including ministerial appointments at the Arts and Humanities Research Council and the Learning and Skills Council Surrey, where she served on the Audit and Diversity Committees.

She is currently a trustee of the Education Development Trust, a global education charity, and sits on the Advisory Board of Helpforce, working to promote volunteering across the NHS. Other trustee roles have included have included Shelter and the Community Foundation for Surrey. She read Politics, Philosophy and Economics at Oxford University and holds an MBA from London Business School.

Julia will continue to receive remuneration at the rate of £409 per day with a time commitment of up to 30 days per annum. All reappointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the process.

This reappointment complies with the Ministerial Code of Governance on Public Appointments. There is a requirement for appointees' political activity (if significant) to be declared. Julia has declared that she has not taken part in any political activity in the past five years.

Details about the Forestry Commission management structure can be seen here.