

National Infrastructure Commission boosted by new appointments

Experience and expertise on the National Infrastructure Commission have been bolstered further today (29th September), as the Chancellor appoints Neale Coleman CBE as an expert commissioner, alongside reappointing Tim Besley, Sadie Morgan and Bridget Rosewell for a further term.

A competition for additional new commissioners to further bolster the NIC's expertise will also be launched in the coming months.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Rishi Sunak, said:

Infrastructure investment in the right projects, being built better and faster than before, is key to our economic recovery.

The National Infrastructure Commission is an essential part in this effort, and these appointments will ensure that it has the right expertise to succeed.

Professor Sir Tim Besley, Professor Sadie Morgan and Bridget Rosewell have been reappointed as NIC Commissioners for a further five-year term. Tim Besley CBE is School Professor of Economics and Political Science and W. Arthur Lewis Professor of Development Economics at the LSE. He was a co-chair of the LSE growth commission, a member of the IFS's Mirrlees Review panel, and Chair of the Council of Management of the National Institute of Economic and Social Research.

Sadie Morgan OBE, BA (HONS), MA (RCA), FRSA is a co-founding director at the award-winning practice, dRMM Architects. She became the youngest and only the third ever female President of the Architectural Association in 2013. In March 2015, Sadie was appointed as Design Chair for High Speed Two (HS2) reporting directly to the Secretary of State.

Bridget Rosewell OBE, CBE, MA, MPhil, FICE was appointed Chair of the Independent Review into Planning Appeal Inquiries in June 2018. Bridget is an experienced director, policy maker and economist. She has worked extensively on cities, infrastructure and finance, advising on projects in road and rail and on major property developments and regeneration.

The Chancellor has also appointed Neale Coleman CBE as a NIC Commissioner until April 2022. Neale is currently Director and Founding Partner at Blackstock Partnerships Limited. Prior to this Neale worked at the Greater London Authority from 2000 – 2015, leading the Mayor's work on London's Olympic bid, the delivery of the Games and their regeneration legacy and was a Board Member of the Olympic Delivery Authority throughout its life. Neale co-chaired the Olympic Delivery Group, which had responsibility for leading preparations for the Games prior to the creation of the ODA, ensuring the

right infrastructure was in place to support the largest sporting event in the world. He was appointed CBE in the New Year Honours 2013, for services to the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

In addition to these appointments, the Chancellor intends to launch a competition to appoint additional new commissioners to the NIC to further strengthen its expertise and diversity. Further details on this will follow in the coming months.