News story: Appointment of Mike Parsons as Director General of the Government Property Unit

John Manzoni, Chief Executive of the Civil Service, has announced the appointment of Mike Parsons as Director General of the Government Property Unit.

Mike Parsons will start at the Cabinet Office on 27 November.

Mike joins from the Home Office where, as Director General, Capabilities and Resources, he is responsible for the department's corporate functions. Previously Mike worked in local government, in Hertfordshire County Council as Director of Resources and Performance where he led the Council's ambitious transformation programme, and as Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Resources at Cambridgeshire County Council.

John Manzoni said:

Mike brings a wealth of delivery and cross Whitehall experience, most recently as Director General, Capabilities and Resources at Home Office. The GPU plays a vital role in helping to optimise and reduce the cost of the government estate working with colleagues across Whitehall and the wider public sector.

Mike Parsons said:

I am delighted to be joining Cabinet Office to lead the government's estates strategy, supporting the team of estates professionals at GPU, and sponsoring the Shadow Government Property Agency as it moves towards its launch in 2018.