<u>News story: Foreign Office appoints</u> <u>new Non Executive Directors</u>

Miranda Curtis has been appointed as lead non-executive director, and Sir Edward Lister has been appointed as a member non-executive director.

They take up their appointments with immediate effect.

Miranda Curtis's expertise is in building multinational leadership teams, the negotiation and oversight of international joint ventures, and cross-border deal making.

Sir Edward Lister's background is in facilitating large-scale urban regeneration schemes and coordinating major public & private sector partnerships.

Head of the UK Diplomatic Service, Sir Simon McDonald said:

I welcome Miranda and Sir Edward to the Foreign Office's Board. They know how to manage large projects in both the commercial and public sectors and will give us invaluable support.

Further Information:

Miranda Curtis is Non-executive director of Marks and Spencer Plc and Deputy Chair of the Royal Shakespeare Company. She spent her executive career in international media and telecoms, with over 20 years at Liberty Global. She joined the board of Liberty in 2010.

Sir Edward is Chairman of the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA). Previous roles include Chief of Staff to the Mayor of London, Deputy Mayor for Policy and Planning at City Hall and Leader of Wandsworth Council. He was also the Chairman of the Old Oak Common Development Corporation.