

News story: Paul Lee extended as Chair of the Horserace Betting Levy Board

Paul was initially appointed Chairman of the Horserace Betting Levy Board with effect from 1 October 2009. His appointment was renewed for a further four years from 1 October 2013, and again in September 2017 for a further 18 months.

Paul spent his life as a commercial solicitor practising since qualification with the firm that is now Addleshaw Goddard, where he was the Senior Partner until 2010, specialising in commercial and corporate work. He read Law at Clare College Cambridge. He joined the firm of Addleshaw Sons and Latham on qualification, became Managing Partner in 1991, Senior Partner of Addleshaw Booth & Co in 1997 and Senior Partner of Addleshaw Goddard in 2003.

Alongside his professional life, he has held a variety of other posts, including as a member of the Board of the CBI and Chairman of the North West Business Leadership Team.

He is currently Chairman of Opera North and was, for 17 years, Chairman of the Royal Exchange Theatre in Manchester. He is also Chairman of the Feoffees (Trustees) of Chetham's School of Music, and a member of the Board of Governors of the University of Manchester.

He was High Sheriff of Greater Manchester in 2014-15, and is currently a Trustee of Access Sport which is the principal charity he chose to support during his year as High Sheriff.

This role is remunerated at a rate of £63,020 per annum. This extension has been made in accordance with the [Cabinet Office's Governance Code on Public Appointments](#). The process is regulated by the Commissioner for Public Appointments. The Government's Governance Code requires that any significant political activity undertaken by an appointee in the last five years is declared. This is defined as including holding office, public speaking, making a recordable donation or candidature for election. Paul has made no such declarations.