News story: Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport Extends the Term of One Council Member of Arts Council England (ACE).

The Rt Hon Karen Bradley MP has extended the term of Rosemary Squire OBE by 12 months, ending on 25 April 2018.

Rosemary Squire OBE

Rosemary Squire is one of the most prominent women in British theatre of the modern era. Co-founding ATG in 1992, it has gone onto become the world's number one live-theatre company.

Last year, Squire stepped down from her post as CEO to move into a new creative phase. Trafalgar Entertainment Group will own and operate theatre buildings, developing a boutique brand as well as producing diverse, high quality, distinctive live work.

In 2014, she made history as the first woman to be named EY UK Entrepreneur of the Year. She is a National Member of the Arts Council England Board and Joint Chair of The Hall for Cornwall. As Chair of Great Ormond Street's Theatres for Theatres Appeal she raised over £5m and now Chairs another major appeal for the hospital.

Widely respected in the industry, Rosemary and her husband/business partner, Sir Howard Panter, have topped The Stage 100 for seven consecutive record-breaking years. Rosemary was awarded an OBE for Services to Theatre, has an Honorary Doctorate from Southampton University and was recently awarded an Honorary Doctor of Arts by both De Montfort University and Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance in recognition of her achievements as a theatre entrepreneur.

Council Members of ACE are not remunerated. This extension has been made in accordance with the <u>Cabinet Office's Governance Code on Public Appointments</u>. It is a requirement of the Code that political activity by those appointed is declared. Rosemary Squire has declared that she has not carried out any political activity.