Non-executive chair appointment

Press release

GAD has appointed a new non-executive director and Management Board Chair. Les Philpott has held a range of non-executive roles in the public, private and charity sectors.



The Government Actuary's Department (GAD) announces the appointment of Les Philpott as non-executive director and Management Board chair.

Experienced Chair

Les is an experienced non-executive director and Chair, having held a range of non-executive roles in the public, private and charity sectors, including at Chair level.

He has a background in public management at senior executive levels. He formerly held the role as chief executive at the Office for Nuclear Regulation and previously held senior positions in the Health and Safety Executive.

Improving capability

Commenting on the appointment Martin Clarke, Government Actuary, said: "GAD has a highly capable group of talented professionals who are dedicated to public service.

"I am delighted to welcome Les to our Management Board and I look forward to working with him as we continue to improve the department's capability and value for money."

Three-year term

Les will join GAD's Management Board immediately and will succeed Geoffrey Podger as Chair in November for a 3-year term, ending in September 2024.

Les was appointed by the Financial Secretary following a fair and open competition, after the role was advertised on the Cabinet Office Public Appointments website for 5 weeks.

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