

Press release: Homes England appoints Chief Finance Officer and Chief of Staff

- Lynda McMullan is joining Homes England as CFO.
- Amy Casterton has been confirmed as the permanent Chief of Staff.

Lynda McMullan is joining the agency as CFO from the Metropolitan Police, where she has been Director of Commercial and Finance since 2014. Previously, Lynda held senior roles at the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime, the National Audit Office and in local government.

As Chief Finance Officer, Lynda will be responsible for shaping the agency's finance function and managing a net programme budget of £6.5 billion per year – including operational expenditure of £120 million – and a £30 billion balance sheet.

Alongside this, Amy Casterton has been confirmed as the permanent Chief of Staff having served in the role on an interim basis since October 2017. She will continue to head up Homes England's cross-cutting Executive Office, which supports the agency to make the right connections and interventions in all areas of the housing market.

Amy has extensive experience of supporting leadership teams and corporate governance reform, including running a private office at the Department for Culture Media and Sport and heading a Government Tailored Review of UK Anti-Doping. She has also spent six years in Brazil as commercial director of a major events company and leading partnership activations for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and acted as the first Head of Public Policy at the Premier League.

Homes England Chief Executive Nick Walkley said: "I'm delighted to appoint these high calibre candidates to crucial posts in our structure. The role of Chief Finance Officer is critical to us achieving our ambitions to support the development of the homes needed across the country.

"As CFO, Lynda will have responsibility for making sure Homes England continues to use public funds effectively and delivers value for money, while making a real difference to the housing market.

"Alongside this, I'm thrilled Amy will continue as our Chief of Staff. Her track record and commitment to driving strategic change across the agency is second to none. I look forward to her continuing to play a leading role in the development of the agency's mission and strategic objectives."

Lynda McMullen said: "I am absolutely thrilled to be joining Homes England, especially at this critical stage of its development.

“The level of ambition is truly inspiring, with a fresh approach to securing additional homes where they are needed. I am delighted to be joining the team and cannot wait to start.”

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