

Press release: Jacky Wright appointed as New Chief Digital and Information Officer

Jacky is currently employed by Microsoft Corporation as Corporate Vice President, Core Platform Engineering, and is well known in the industry as a senior executive who is a transformational global leader and innovative technologist. Jacky is notable in the wide range of recognitions she has received for her work in technology and diversity, both within and external to her work.

The appointment was formally ratified by the Prime Minister and is the result of an extensive recruitment exercise in which candidates were considered from across the Civil Service, the public and private sectors, and internationally.

HMRC Chief Executive, Jon Thompson said:

I'm delighted to welcome Jacky to HMRC as our new Chief Digital and Information Officer. Jacky was an exceptional candidate and this appointment marks an exciting new phase for us as we continue towards our vision of becoming a world-class organisation.

Jacky is a seasoned commercial leader with 'best in class' credentials, globally. Balancing strong operating experience with a record of driving innovation, Jacky is widely recognised for her contributions to technology and diversity. Her influence as a technology leader and as a champion for the role of women and BAME in industry, is a major win for this organisation.

This builds on a year of real progress and innovation under the leadership of interim CDIO, Mike Potter, who has done a fantastic job of pushing digital delivery for HMRC and its customers.

Jacky Wright said:

There could not be a better time in the history of technology to demonstrate the power of technology innovation at an organisation such as HMRC. I am really excited to be joining the UK's tax authority at such a pivotal time in its history. I am passionate about the impact innovation can have in truly transforming services for people and businesses in a positive way and want to continue the great work being done within HMRC and across the Civil Service at this time. I am proud to represent women and BAME in technology and will continue to promote the vital role of diversity within our industry and more broadly.

Jacky will take up her role on 16 October 2017. Mike Potter will leave CDIO to take up a new role as Director for Future Borders.

1. Jacky Wright was appointed to her current role as Corporate Vice President, Core Platform Engineering in 2011. Her previous posts include:
 - CIO/Vice President, BP Plc (2008-11)
 - CIO, Momentive Performance Materials (2006-08)
 - CIO, General Electric Corporation (2000-06)
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