

Press release: Lead non-executive director appointment for Cabinet Office

Sir John Parker has been appointed as the lead non-executive director for the Cabinet Office and will take up the role from 15 November.

Sir John has a wealth of leadership and boardroom experience in industry ranging from shipbuilding and mining, to utilities, aerospace and central banking. He is currently Chairman of Pennon group and Laing O'Rourke, as well as holding non-executive director roles at Carnival Corporation and Airbus. On 31 October 2017, he stepped down as Chairman from Anglo American plc after 8+ years. He previously chaired National Grid plc and the Court of the Bank of England. Sir John has also held senior non-executive roles at British Gas, the British Coal Corporation and the Industrial Development Board of Northern Ireland.

Last year, Sir John completed a review of the UK Naval Shipbuilding Strategy for the Ministry of Defence and chaired the review for government on Ethnic Diversity on Boards.

First Secretary of State and Minister for the Cabinet Office Damian Green welcomed Sir John's appointment, saying:

I am delighted that Sir John Parker is joining the Cabinet Office Board as the lead non-executive director. He brings to this role significant experience from a number of businesses, as well as a passion for inclusion and diversity. His commercial expertise and experience of driving reform will be of huge benefit to the department and I look forward to working with him.

Sir John Parker said:

I am honoured to accept this appointment and look forward to endeavouring to add value in the role.