

The Secretary of State has appointed Chris Jones, Adele Gritten, Guto Bebb and Denise Lewis Poulton as members of the S4C board

Chris Jones

Chris has 25 years' experience as a CEO, CFO and non-executive director (NED) in a range of businesses operating in highly regulated environments (utilities and financial services), with a strong focus on customer service and long-term sustainability.

He was a co-founder of Glas Cymru Cyf., which acquired Welsh Water for £1.7 billion in 2001 to create the UK's only non-shareholder, private utility company. Chris was CFO of Welsh Water from 2001 to 2013 and then CEO until he stepped down in May 2020.

He is currently a NED of Xoserve Limited (the Central Data Services Provider for Britain's gas market) and is a former NED of Principality Building Society. He is a Member of the Council of Cardiff University and has had a range of trustee and advisory roles with third sector organisations, including The Prince's Trust, The Institute of Welsh Affairs, Water UK and CBI Wales.

Chris is a Welsh speaker, having learned as an adult. He was awarded a CBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List in 2020.

Adele Gritten

Adele Gritten, born and bred in Swansea, is an experienced Board level Executive skilled in General Management, Business Strategy, Business Development, Marketing and Communications, Market Research, Competitive Intelligence and Data Analytics.

Adele has worked for Media Agencies, Media Owners and Research Agencies including the BBC, WPP and Omnicom owned agencies. She also launched Qmedia, a specialist Media Research Consultancy as part of Quaestor Research and Marketing Strategists.

For the last 15 years, Adele has been in Senior Management roles managing businesses ranging from 20 to 100+ employees. Until Dec 2019, Adele was UK Managing Director of Future Thinking managing 90 staff and a Group turnover of £13m.

Adele also served as EMEA MD for Lieberman Research Worldwide and as Commercial Director for YouGov where she oversaw all UK Consulting and Sector Verticals, delivering double digit YOY growth over a five- year period. Adele

is currently supporting her local Cambridgeshire businesses diversity and pivot as part of pandemic recovery.

Throughout her varied experience, Adele has become adept at growing and transforming teams, including delivering synergies and operational efficiencies. A proven, respected and trusted leader, she holds an MA in Social and Political Science from the University of Cambridge.

Guto Bebb

Guto Bebb, who lives in Caernarfon, is the Group Managing Director of the Farmers Union of Wales having previously been the Managing Director of FUW Insurance Services Limited. Prior to his work with the FUW Guto was the MP for Aberconwy between 2010 and 2019. He is a former Under Secretary of State for Wales, a former Procurement Minister at the Ministry of Defence and was a Senior Government Whip in both the Cameron and May administrations. In addition to his Ministerial roles Guto was also a long-standing member of the Welsh Affairs Select Committee whilst also being a member of the Public Accounts Committee during his time at Westminster.

Before his election, Guto was a business consultant and company director and worked extensively with private sector businesses and public sector organisations in Wales and the wider UK. He was also involved with advising a number of third sector organisations including numerous cultural and arts initiatives. Guto also co-founded a bookshop in Caernarfon and has an interest in literature and a strong affinity with the Welsh language and culture. An avid record collector he would state that he collected vinyl records long before they became fashionable again.

Denise Lewis Poulton

Denise Lewis Poulton is an experienced strategic communications, brand and corporate affairs specialist. A Welsh speaker, born in Newcastle Emlyn, Cardiganshire and educated at Llandysul Grammar School and King's College, University of London, her corporate career was spent largely in senior positions at international telecommunications companies such as Bell Canada, Cable & Wireless Communications and Orange plc.

She went on to establish a consulting practice advising many cultural, media and public sector organisations, including Welsh Government and Senedd Cymru – The Welsh Parliament as well as serving as a Trustee and Non Executive Director for a number of national cultural institutions, including Welsh National Opera, The Hay Literary Festival and The Wallace Collection.

She is an Honorary lifetime Fellow of BAFTA. Alongside running her consultancy, Denise is currently studying for a Masters in Cultural Leadership at The Royal Academy and the University of Maastricht.

These roles are not remunerated. The appointments have been made in accordance with the [Cabinet Office's Governance Code on Public Appointments](#). The appointments process is regulated by the Commissioner for Public Appointments. The Government's Governance Code requires that any significant

political activity undertaken by an appointee in the last five years is declared. This is defined as holding office, public speaking, making a recordable donation or candidature for election. Chris, Adele and Denise have not declared any activity. Guto Bebb has declared that he was the Conservative Member of Parliament for Aberconwy until 2019.

[The Secretary of State has reappointed Sir Laurie Magnus as Chair of Historic England](#)

News story

Sir Laurie Magnus has been reappointed by the Secretary of State as Chair of Historic England for a two year period from 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2023.



Laurie Magnus was appointed as Chair of The Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England (then known as English Heritage and now known as Historic England) on 1st September, 2013. He oversaw the launch in 2015 of Historic England under its new brand and the establishment of the English Heritage Trust, as a separate charity, to manage the National Heritage Collection of 420 sites under the nation's ownership or guardianship. He is a former trustee of the Landmark Trust and a former Deputy Chairman of The National Trust.

He is currently a member of the Board of the Culture Recovery Fund, a trustee of English Heritage Trust, Chair of Windsor Leadership Trust and Deputy Chair of All Churches Trust. He has over 40 years' experience in the financial services sector and currently is a senior adviser at Evercore, the investment banking group, and chairs two FTSE 250 listed investment trusts.

This role is remunerated at £40,000 per annum. This reappointment has been made in accordance with the [Cabinet Office's Governance Code on Public](#)

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[PM re-appoints Members of the Security Vetting Appeals Panel](#)

Press release

The Prime Minister has approved re-appointments to the Security Vetting Appeals Panel.



The Prime Minister has approved the following re-appointments to the Security Vetting Appeals Panel: Mr James Barron, Mrs Sally Berlin, Mr Nicholas Griffin QC and Mrs Claire Stokes.

All have been re-appointed as Members for a second and final term of four years, with effect from 01 April 2021 until 31 March 2025.

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Cutting edge technology on right track to improve tyre safety

Trials, funded by Highways England's designated fund for innovation, have proved hugely successful with one in 12 of 100,000 tyres checked found to be underinflated and the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) identifying 5,000 overweight vehicles a month.

Now there are plans to roll the system out at strategic route locations across the country.

Highways England's Commercial Vehicle Incident Prevention Team (CVIPT) backed a pilot of the sophisticated WheelRight quartz sensor system at Keele Services on the M6 before running year-long trials with John Lewis at Milton Keynes, AW Jenkinson Transport at Penrith, and the DVSA check site at Cuerden, on the M62.

The system comprises a set of high-intensity strobe lights, all-weather cameras and drive-over pressure instruments – all collecting huge amounts of data within seconds which allows for adjustments to be made to ensure that tyres are compliant with safety standards.

This data is analysed to provide results instantly and reports include: tyre pressures (pass or fail based on predetermined levels); tread depths (pass or fail based on specified levels); tyre temperatures (early identification of problem tyres or wheels); tyre condition (via a 360o photographic image of the tread); and Weigh in Motion data/axle weights.

CVIPT, who championed the ground-breaking system along with a host of other commercial vehicle safety initiatives, scooped Highways England Chairman's Award and the Excellence in Safety Innovation Award. The team was one of 30 winners rewarded at the third Highways England Awards, designed to recognise activities which further the company's imperatives of safety, customer service and delivery. This year the award ceremony was held online.

Individuals and teams from within Highways England as well as its supply chain partners were among those recognised in the awards.

Highways England Chief Highway Engineer Mike Wilson said:

We are constantly looking for ways to ensure everyone who travels or works on our network gets home safe and well and CVIPT can be very proud of the work they are doing to help us achieve this.

The awards that the team have won not only endorses their work, but also the companies and partners helping to bring forward the ground-breaking innovations employed to embed improved safety in the commercial vehicle sector.

DVSA's Director of Enforcement Marian Kitson added:

We're really pleased that vehicle safety has been recognised in this way, and that DVSA and Highways England continue to work in partnership exploring new and innovative ways of ensuring the compliant operation of commercial vehicles on the roads network.

Other projects that CVIPT have brought forward include working with tyre firm Bridgestone to analyse the causes of tyre-related incidents and tyre damage by analysing 1,000 pieces of debris, launching a free smart phone app in collaboration with the Transport Research Laboratory that simulates HGVs blind spots and working with the Health and Safety Executive and industry to drive forward load security best practice.

Judges noted CVIPT had delivered a range of initiatives with partners delivering innovative measures which build on best practice.

General enquiries

Members of the public should contact the Highways England customer contact centre on 0300 123 5000.

Media enquiries

Journalists should contact the Highways England press office on 0844 693 1448 and use the menu to speak to the most appropriate press officer.

[Turkish Defence Minister hosted on board HMS Prince of Wales](#)

News story

Defence Secretary Ben Wallace today hosted Turkish Defence Minister Hulusi Akar on board the UK's aircraft carrier HMS Prince of Wales.



Turkish Defence Minister Hulusi Akar (l) and Defence Secretary Ben Wallace visited HMS Prince of Wales

Minister Akar is on a two-day visit to the UK to reaffirm our two countries' close cooperation on defence and security as NATO Allies.

Defence Secretary Ben Wallace said:

Turkey is an important NATO Ally and partner for the UK in upholding security in the Mediterranean and Black Sea regions.

I was delighted to welcome Minister Akar to the UK for fruitful discussions on how our nations can build on our strong defence relationship in a range of areas – from NATO exercises and operations to industry co-operation.

Minister Akar was welcomed to the UK with a Guard of Honour from the Coldstream Guards at Horse Guards Parade, ahead of a bilateral meeting at the Ministry of Defence.

Both defence ministers took the opportunity to discuss how the UK and Turkey could work together and with international partners to support regional security and the ongoing fight against Daesh terrorists – both nations are members of the Global Coalition to defeat Daesh.

The Defence Secretary was able to showcase the significant maritime capabilities the UK can offer towards upholding international security aboard HMS Prince of Wales, docked at Her Majesty's Naval Base Portsmouth.

On board the aircraft carrier, whose flight deck has enough space to hold three football pitches, Mr Wallace and Mr Akar took part in a roundtable with representatives from the British defence industry.

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