

# Sentencing Council: Policing member appointment

News story

The Secretary of State for Justice has announced the appointment of Nick Ephgrave as policing member of the Sentencing Council for England and Wales, for a period of 3 years from 26 June 2020.



Since March 2020, Nick has been Assistant Commissioner (AC) for Frontline Policing in the Metropolitan Police (Met). He previously served as AC for Met Operations after returning to the Met after serving as Chief Constable of Surrey Police. As a Chief Officer, Nick has national portfolio responsibility for Criminal Justice. Nick's extensive police career has spanned 30 years and has included a number of senior operational roles.

Nick Ephgrave has not declared any political activity.

The Sentencing Council for England and Wales was set up by Part 4 of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 (the Act) to promote greater transparency and consistency in sentencing whilst maintaining the independence of the judiciary.

Appointments to the Sentencing Council are made by the Secretary of State for Justice and are regulated by the Commissioner for Public Appointments.

This appointment has been made in line with the Governance Code on Public Appointments.

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## [Change of Her Majesty's Consul-General to Jerusalem: Spring 2021](#)

Press release

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## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

Full name: Diane Corner

Married to: Peter Stocker

Children: Four daughters

2019 to present Full-time Language Training (Arabic)

2019 Washington, Counsellor – Foreign and Security Policy

2018 to 2019 FC0, Senior Co-ordinator for International Appointments, Multilateral Policy Directorate

2017 to 2018 Independent consultant for the United Nations and other organizations, and study for MA in International Relations and Contemporary War at Kings College London

2014 to 2017 Deputy Special Representative of the UN Secretary General and Deputy Head of UN Mission in Central African Republic (MINUSCA)

2013 to 2014 Kinshasa, Her Majesty's Ambassador and non-resident Ambassador to the Republic of Congo

2009 to 2013 Dar Es Salaam, British High Commissioner and UK Representative to the East African Community

2008 to 2009 Freetown, Acting High Commissioner

2005 to 2008 FC0, Director, Prism then Shared Services Programmes

2004 to 2005 Cabinet Office, Chief Assessor for Civil and Diplomatic Services Fast Stream recruitment

2003 to 2004 FC0, Head of Human Resources, Employment Policy Department

2001 to 2003 Harare, Deputy High Commissioner

2000 Senior Course, NATO Defence College, Rome

1998 to 2000 FC0, Deputy Head, OSCE/Council of Europe Department

1994 to 1998 Berlin, Deputy Head of Mission, British Embassy Office

1991 to 1993 Cabinet Office, Desk Officer for China/Hong Kong and Middle East

1989 to 1991 FC0, First Secretary, Central and Southern Africa Department

1988 UNGA Support Officer, UK Mission to the United Nations, New York

1985 to 1988 Kuala Lumpur, Second Secretary – Chancery

1983 to 1985 FC0, Desk Officer for South Africa

1982 Joined FC0

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## [Homes England reaffirms commitment to the north east by relocating to Newcastle office](#)

Government housing agency Homes England has signed a deal with Newcastle City Council to lease office space in the city centre's new building, The Lumen.

The agency currently has a north east base in Gateshead, with the relocation to Newcastle expected to take place later this year.

With several live development sites in the region, Homes England is committed to investing in the area. Schemes include the East Quayside development, which will see almost 300 build-to-rent apartments on the banks of the River Tyne, and Newburn Riverside, where the agency is preparing to submit an outline planning application for up to 1,250 homes later this year.

Homes England is also working in partnership with Newcastle City Council and Places for People Igloo on the continued development of the Ouseburn scheme, where work is currently on site for the next phase of 28 new homes at Lower Steenberg Yard.

The Lumen is located at the heart of Newcastle Helix, a unique partnership between Newcastle City Council, Legal & General and Newcastle University. The 24-acre development brings together industry leaders, businesses and top researchers into an internationally renowned innovation cluster. It is an exemplar of sustainable urban development which combines prestigious commercial and residential space with first-class research and education

facilities. Newcastle Helix comprises £350 million of capital development and aims to host 4,000 jobs, 500,000 square foot of office space and more than 500 homes once complete.

Homes England's new 19,316 square foot office space will have capacity for up to 300 staff and demonstrates the agency's commitment to be a significant employer in the north east region and contributing to the government's levelling-up agenda. Fit-out works are due to complete in the Autumn, creating an agile and collaborative office space designed for the future. Homes England has been represented in negotiations by property agent Avison Young.

Simon Dudley, Interim Chair of Homes England, said:

With this move, we are reaffirming our commitment to employing the majority of our colleagues outside of London and locating ourselves in the heart of regions which are key to us delivering our mission of getting more homes built where they're most needed.

While moving back to an office-based work life may still be some time away, we are taking a long-term view and remain committed to investing in the north east region and being a significant employer here. Moving to this larger, more collaborative office space will allow the agency to grow and ramp up our work in the north east.

Councillor Ged Bell, Cabinet Member for Employment and Culture at Newcastle City Council, said:

The Lumen has marked a huge milestone in the Newcastle Helix story, and we are thrilled that Homes England will be moving in later this year. Not only is Newcastle Helix a place for business, it's a place for innovation and new ways of living.

By being based in Newcastle Helix, Homes England will be able to benefit from being co-located with business, academics and local experts – supporting them to accelerate the delivery of much-needed new homes. With grade A office space, cutting edge facilities, shared working spaces and flexible floor plates The Lumen is a place where companies can collaborate and be part of a vision that looks to improve lives, now and in the future.

Tony Wordsworth, Director of Offices at Avison Young, said:

The Lumen building brings forward a significant contribution to the dwindling supply of Grade A office stock in Newcastle's city centre. The Lumen is a sustainable building with excellent transport links and will meet Homes England's requirements for a high-specification, accessible office space from which to operate

in the north east.

This letting shows there is a strong level of latent demand for high-quality city centre offices, which bodes well for other schemes in the development pipeline.

Gordon Aitchison, Director of Investment and Development at LGIM Real Assets, said:

The Lumen is an exceptional space, providing opportunity for collaboration with leading academics, researchers and business people. I am sure the site will be a fantastic new base for Homes England, helping to drive economic, social and housing growth in the north of England.