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### **BUSINESS APPOINTMENT APPLICATION: Sir John Kingman**

The Committee has been asked to consider an application from Sir John Kingman, the former acting Permanent Secretary and previously second Permanent Secretary at Her Majesty's Treasury, in relation to an appointment with the National Gallery. His last day of Crown service was 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016.

This is an unpaid part-time role as a Trustee and Chair of the Finance and Audit Committees.

When considering this application, the Committee took into account that arrangements were in place within HM Treasury to ensure that Sir John had no involvement in arts-related matters due to him being a Trustee of the Royal Opera House. The Committee also took into account that HM Treasury has raised no concerns about the appointment.

The Prime Minister accepted the Committee's advice that, in accordance with the Government's Business Appointment Rules, this appointment be subject to the following conditions:

- he should not draw on (disclose or use for the benefit of himself or the organisations to which this advice refers) privileged information available to him from his time in Crown service; and
- for two years from his last day in service, he should not become personally involved in lobbying the UK Government on behalf of the National Gallery.

By 'privileged information' we mean official information to which a Minister or Crown servant has had access as a consequence of his or her office or employment and which has not been made publicly available. Applicants are also reminded that they may be subject to other duties of confidentiality, whether under the Official Secrets Act, the Civil Service Code or otherwise.

The Business Appointment Rules explain that the restriction on lobbying means that the former Crown servant/Minister "*should not engage in communication with Government (Ministers, civil servants, including special advisers, and other relevant officials/public office holders) – wherever it takes place - with a view to influencing a Government decision, policy or contract award/grant in relation to their own interests or the interests of the organisation by which they are employed, or to whom they are contracted or with which they hold office.*"

I should be grateful if you would ensure that we are informed as soon as Sir John takes up this position, or if it is announced that he will do so (I enclose a form for this purpose). We shall

otherwise not be able to deal with any enquiries, since we do not release information about appointments which have not been taken up or announced, and this could lead to a false assumption being made about whether he had complied with the Rules.

I should also be grateful if you would ask that Sir John informs us if he proposes to extend or otherwise change the nature of his/ her role as, depending on the circumstances, it may be necessary for him to make a fresh application.

Once these appointments have been publicly announced or taken up, we will publish this letter on the Committee's website and include the main details of the application, together with the Advisory Committee's advice, in the regularly updated consolidated list on our website and in the next annual report.

Yours sincerely

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