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English Heritage: appointment of five new Commissioners

John Penrose, the Minister for Tourism and Heritage, has appointed Baroness Lola Young OBE; Professor Peter Draper; Vice Admiral Sir Tim Laurence KCVO, CB, ADC; Martin Moore; and Graham Morrison as Commissioners of English Heritage. The appointments are for four years, beginning on 1 September 2011.

Baroness Young

Professor Lola Young was formerly Professor of Cultural Studies at Middlesex University, and is currently a Visiting Professor at Birkbeck College, Associate Senior Fellow at the University of Warwick, and Professor Emeritus at Middlesex University. She is the Founding Director of Cultural Brokers, an arts and heritage consultancy, and Chair of Think Positive Age Well.

Lola has worked extensively overseas and has a wide range of networks throughout the arts, creative and cultural sectors. She has served on several boards in the arts and voluntary sector, including in the recent past Nitro Theatre Company, The National Archives, and the South Bank Centre Board of Directors. She has written and broadcast extensively on culture, identity, film, arts and media, and advised organisations such as the BBC, Arts Council of England, DCMS and the House of Commons on culture issues. She was awarded an OBE in 2001 and appointed as a cross bench life peer in 2004. She holds no other public appointments.

Professor Draper

Peter Draper is Visiting Professor in the School of History of Art, Film and Visual Media, at Birkbeck College. He had previously held Lecturer and Senior Lecturer roles there, from 1969 until 2004, and was formerly the Conway Librarian at the Courtauld Institute of Art. He is a past President of the British Archaeological Association and continues to be a Vice-President, and was Chairman of the Fabric Advisory Committee at Southwark Cathedral from 1995-2009, President of the Society of Architectural Historians of Great Britain from 2000-2004, and a Member of the Cathedrals Fabric Commission for England from 2001-2010. He is an academic reader for leading academic publishing houses in Britain and the United States.

He was awarded a Paul Mellon Senior Fellowship in 2001-2002, and was elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries in 1979. He holds no other public appointments.

Vice Admiral Sir Tim Laurence

Sir Tim is a freelance non-executive with interests in Property, Regeneration, Defence, Security and Transport. His 37 year career in the Royal Navy included over 20 years in operational and leadership posts including 4 warship commands. He later worked for several years as a strategist and resource planner at the MOD and has been involved in all defence reforms since the 1990s. His final role in MOD was looking after the Department's land and buildings, both in UK and overseas, as Chief Executive, Defence Estates. As custodian for over 700 listed buildings, 1,200 scheduled monuments and 170 Sites of Special Scientific Interest in UK alone, he developed a particular interest in sustainability and regeneration. He was made an Honorary Member of RICS in 2009.

Sir Tim is a Non-Executive Director on the Board of Capita Symonds, and has similar roles in two smaller property companies. He is a Senior Advisor to the PA Consulting Group and an Advisor to First Great Western. He is a Trustee for RNLI, a Commissioner on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, and is involved in several other charities. He holds no other public appointments.

Martin Moore

Martin has been CEO of Prudential Property Investment Managers Ltd (PRUPIM) for 16 years. The organisation, part of M&G, creates and manages real estate investment portfolios in major markets around the world.

He is a Chartered Surveyor, past President and board member of the British Property Federation and a past Chairman of the Investment Property Forum. He has been a Commissioner of The Crown Estate and continues as an adviser to the organisation until the end of 2011. He is also a Trustee of the Guildhall School Trust and a Director of the F&C Commercial Property Trust. Over the years he has held various other industry related appointments including membership of the Design Review Committee of CABE and Chairman of Westminster Property Owners Association. He holds no other public appointments.

Graham Morrison

Graham Morrison is a partner of Allies and Morrison Architects, one of the ten largest practices in Britain. Since its inception in 1984, the partnership has won 30 RIBA awards, and 12 Civic Trust awards. Current commissions include the British Embassy in Dublin, a major extension to the Horniman Museum, the BBC offices at White City, ten projects for Oxford and Cambridge Universities, a large office development at Bankside, the new planetarium at Greenwich Observatory, the conversion to residential use of Arsenal's listed Highbury stadium, and the extension of the Royal Festival Hall.

He has been a National Member of the RIBA Council, and a director of the RIBA Journal. He has been on the jury for four major architectural competitions including the new Manchester City Art Gallery, the Southbank Centre Masterplan, the Leventis Gallery in Cyprus, and the Land Securities Cheapside development adjacent to St Paul's Cathedral. He has been a Civic Trust assessor, and a Royal Fine Art Commissioner. He lectures internationally, has been a Visiting Professor at the University of Nottingham, and has been an external examiner at Cambridge University where the practice has funded a teaching programme. He holds no other public appointments.

Background

The Commission is the governing body of English Heritage and comprises the Chair and up to 16 Commissioners. Commissioners provide expert advice and guidance on heritage matters and have corporate responsibility for establishing the overall strategic direction of the organisation and for monitoring its performance against strategic objectives and targets. Commissioners ensure that the organisation carries out its statutory responsibilities, maintaining high standards of probity in the administration of public funds and the effective use of resources.

Every Commissioner receives an allowance. Some receive an additional sum directly linked to the responsibility for chairing an Advisory Committee. The remuneration range is currently £4,090 to £7,600 per annum, and the time commitment varies between 12-40 days per annum according to the amount of committee work undertaken.

The appointment process has followed the OCPA Code of Practice. Appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. However, in accordance with the original Nolan recommendations, there is a requirement for political activity in the United Kingdom in the past five years (if any declared) to be made public. Baroness Young has declared her status as an Independent Cross Bench Peer in the House of Lords. Sir Tim Laurence, Professor Draper, Martin Moore and Graham Morrison have each declared no political activity.