

BIRTHDAY HONOURS 2021 – HIGH AWARDS

KNIGHT GRAND CROSS OF THE ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE (GBE)

THE RT HON. FREDERICK RICHARD PENN CURZON, THE EARL HOWE

Earl Howe has given extraordinary service to Parliament and to the country for nearly 40 years, including a remarkable three decades on the Conservative Party's frontbench in the House of Lords. He succeeded his second cousin as the 7th Earl Howe in 1984 and gave up his job in order to focus on his Parliamentary duties. He was first appointed to the Conservative frontbench in 1991 as a Government Whip, and he has remained a member of the frontbench ever since. He served as a minister in the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food from 1992-95, and then the Ministry of Defence from 1995-97. He served as a Shadow Health Minister for the duration of the Conservatives time in Opposition and Health Minister from 2010-15. He became Deputy Leader of the House of Lords and Minister of State for Defence from 2015-19.

DAME COMMANDER OF THE ORDER OF THE BATH (DCB)

ELIZABETH ANNE FINLAY GARDINER CB

Elizabeth Gardiner started her career as a Trainee Solicitor in Scotland in 1988. She joined the Office of the Parliamentary Counsel as an Assistant Parliamentary Counsel in 1991 before becoming a Senior Assistant Parliamentary Counsel in 1994. Her excellent work saw her promoted to Director level as Deputy Parliamentary Counsel in 2000 and then to Director General level in 2003 as a Full Parliamentary Counsel, becoming Team Leader in 2011. In 2015, her accomplished leadership resulted in her promotion to First Parliamentary Counsel, where she has established a reputation as a respected and professional leader. In 2019, 31 Acts were passed, and in 2020 Parliamentary Counsel delivered an ambitious legislative programme including the EU (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 and the EU (Future Relationship) Act 2020. She has collaborated closely with the Parliamentary Business and Legislation Secretariat, No 10, and government lawyers to ensure the delivery of three complex Covid-19 bills. She continues to work on legislative issues arising from EU transition, providing input on implementing and legislating in the post exit landscape.

BRENDA KING

Brenda King has been Attorney General for Northern Ireland since July 2020 and was First Legislative Counsel and Head of the Office of the Legislative Counsel in Northern Ireland from 2012. She was heavily involved in providing legal, strategic and legislative advice during intense political negotiations including those which led to the Stormont House Agreement, the Stormont Castle Agreement, the Fresh Start Agreement and, most recently, the New Decade, New Approach Agreement. She has provided creative and subtle legislative/political resolutions to enduring cultural and language issues in Northern Ireland. She advised on the unprecedented constitutional problems that arose since February 2017, in the absence of elected Ministers. From 2017-19 she was President of the Commonwealth Association of Legislative Counsel - an organisation with members in over 80 countries. As president, she was the driving force behind the successful and inclusive CALC conference in Zambia, the first held in Africa in many years.

KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE ORDER OF THE BATH (KCB)

EDWARD CHRISTOPHER OLLARD

Over 37 years **Edward Ollard** has made a major contribution to public life through his outstanding service to the House of Lords. Since becoming Clerk of the Parliaments in 2017, he has been at the helm when the House has required unimpeachable counsel as it responded to some of the most sensitive issues of the modern era. Following the EU referendum in 2016 and then during the Prorogation of Parliament in 2019, the House's powers and procedures were pushed to the limits. As chief procedural adviser, he advised members of all parties on the details of complicated procedural motions. During the Covid-19 pandemic he led the House through changes which nobody could have imagined. These included the establishment of fully virtual proceedings, set up in around a fortnight whilst many staff were working from home. The Administration, under him, has also implemented many physical changes to the building to ensure everybody is kept safe and secure during the national emergency.

**DAME COMMANDER OF THE ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE
(DBE)**

PROFESSOR HELEN VALERIE ATKINSON CBE FREng

Helen Atkinson is one of the UK's foremost engineering leaders. She was appointed Pro Vice-Chancellor at Cranfield University in 2017, with responsibility for the School of Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing. She has made a tremendous impact in this role, cultivating key strategic partnerships with Boeing, BAE Systems, Rolls-Royce, Saab and Thales. She has been a committed Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering since 2007, serving variously as Vice President, Trustee and Chair of its Education & Skills Committee between 2012 and 2017. Most recently, she has made a vital impact through chairing the oversight group for the Academy's "This is Engineering" campaign to encourage more young people into engineering. She has had roles with government Foresight Panels, HEFCE, EPSRC, IET, National Council for Universities and Business, and the Strategic Facilities Advisory Board of the Royce Institute. She is a leading role model and advocate for women in STEM. She was the first woman President of the UK Engineering Professors' Council in its 50-year history.

PHYLLIDA BARLOW CBE

Phyllida Barlow is a sculptor and educator whose work has earned her widespread acclaim. She made a huge contribution to supporting some of Britain's most notable artists for over 40 years at the Slade School of Art. It was following her retirement from teaching in 2009 that her reputation as a sculptor rose to new heights and she is one of the most celebrated women artists in the UK. In 2017, she was selected to represent Great Britain at the Venice Biennale, the most significant global art platform. In February 2019, she created an entirely new exhibition in the Royal Academy of Arts' Gabrielle Jungels-Winkler Galleries, titled *cul de sac*. Currently in 2021, a major survey exhibition of her sculpture and drawings from the 1960s to the present, titled *frontier*, is showing at the Haus der Kunst, Munich.

CATHERINE ELIZABETH BINGHAM

The Vaccine Taskforce, led by **Kate Bingham** from May to December 2020, has transformed the UK's ability to procure, manufacture and distribute vaccines and had a dramatic effect on the response to the Covid-19 threat. Her leadership was vital to ensuring the UK is leading in deploying approved vaccines. Under her leadership, the VTF procured 367 million doses from a total of 7 vaccines across 4 vaccine platforms. She helped to guide ministerial decisions which gave the companies early validation of their approach, with the UK securing beneficial terms for its early support. She spearheaded the development of the UK's first National NHS Citizen Registry for mass clinical trial enrolment with 495,967 volunteers. Her strategic mindset was crucial in pushing the importance of scaling up the UK's manufacturing capability to respond to this pandemic and enhance UK preparedness for future pandemics. She sits or has sat on numerous non-profit boards including the Francis Crick Institute, the British Venture Capital Association and the Bioindustry Association.

IMOGEN COOPER CBE

Imogen Cooper is one of the finest interpreters of classical and romantic repertoire. Concerto performances include the Berliner Philharmoniker, Sydney Symphony, the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra and the Aurora Orchestra. She has had a widespread international career and has appeared with the New York Philharmonic, Philadelphia, Boston, Cleveland, Vienna Philharmonic, Leipzig Gewandhaus, Budapest Festival and London Symphony Orchestras. She has played at the BBC Proms and with all the major British orchestras. Her discography includes Mozart Concertos with the Royal Northern Sinfonia (Avie), a solo recital at the Wigmore Hall and a cycle of solo works by Schubert recorded live. Her recent recordings feature music by French and Spanish composers, Beethoven, Liszt and Wagner. The Imogen Cooper Music Trust was founded in 2015 to support young pianists at the cusp of their careers.

PROFESSOR SARAH CATHERINE GILBERT

Sarah Gilbert has 26 years of experience in molecular biology and vaccine research that gave her the knowledge and skills to hit the ground running in January 2020 as soon as the sequence of SARS-CoV-2 was published. She developed a vaccine for the MERS-coronavirus and was testing it in humans before the pandemic, providing critical insight into the biology of immunity and potential of the vaccine. She has advised the World Health Organisation on coronavirus vaccines. She runs the Oxford viral vector core facility which supports a large number of vaccine programmes in the University of Oxford and around the UK. When Covid-19 struck, she redesigned the MERS-coronavirus vaccine with her team to make a new Oxford Covid-19 vaccine. She initiated manufacturing of the vaccine in the Clinical Biomanufacturing Facility at Oxford University. The vaccine was shown to be effective in November 2020, licensed in December and is now being deployed at massive scale.

MARGARET OLIVIA HILLIER MP

Meg Hillier is widely respected by all sides of the House as Chair of the influential Public Accounts Committee. She joined the Committee in 2011 and was elected Chair in 2015. Under her leadership, the Committee scrutinises all areas of Government spending including preparations for exiting the European Union and spending related to the Covid-19 pandemic. She was first elected as a councillor in 1994 where she served as the youngest ever Mayor of Islington in 1998/99 and then as an inaugural member of the London Assembly in 2000. In 2005, Meg was elected MP for Hackney South and Shoreditch. She has served as a Home Office minister and as Shadow Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change. She has worked with parliaments internationally to promote and support scrutiny of public finances.

SANDRA GAYL HORLEY CBE

Sandra Horley has made a remarkable contribution to the protection of women and children and promoted greater understanding and awareness of domestic abuse as an issue. In her early career, she was a homelessness officer and housing adviser before working with abused and homeless women in

Wolverhampton where she was the director of the Haven Project. Sandra is an advocate of women's rights, an author, and was Chief Executive of Refuge – the national domestic violence charity – which she led for 37 years. Under her leadership, Refuge grew into the pre-eminent provider of services for victims of domestic abuse in the UK. Sandra achieved outstanding success advocating social change and championing the rights of women and children. She has worked closely with the police, the legal profession, government and the media to deliver legal, institutional and attitudinal reform. In the course of her work she raised millions of pounds for the charity. Today, Refuge supports over 7,000 survivors every day, through a 400 strong team of staff and volunteers.

THE RT HON. ANDREA JACQUELINE LEADSOM MP

Andrea Leadsom has been the MP for South Northamptonshire since 2010 and served as a Government minister under three Prime Ministers. She was elected as a member of the Treasury Select Committee, where she served for four years. She was Chairman of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Sure Start; Founding Chairman of the APPG on the 1001 Critical Days - conception to age two; and also founding chairman of the APPG on European Reform. In July 2020, she was appointed as the Government's Early Years Healthy Development Adviser. In this position, she launched a major review into policy to give every baby the best start for life. She has served as Economic Secretary to the Treasury, Minister of State at the Department for Energy and Climate Change, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Leader of the House of Commons, and Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.

PRUDENCE MARGARET LEITH CBE DL

Prue Leith has been at the top of the British food scene for nearly 60 years. She has seen huge success as founder of the renowned Leith's School of Food and Wine and as a caterer, teacher, TV cook, and cookery book author. She has run charity enterprises such as the Hoxton Apprentice, and the School Food Trust. She has been a leading figure in campaigns to improve food in schools, hospitals and in the home. She was a judge on The Great British Menu for 11

years until 2016, and is now a judge on The Great British Bake Off. She founded and chaired the charity Focus on Food which promoted cooking in the curriculum. Until 2015, she was a member of the Food Strand of the grant-giving foundation, Esmée Fairbairn. She is Vice-President of The Sustainable Restaurant Association; a trustee of Baby Taste Journey; Patron of The Institute for Food, Brain and Behaviour and Sustain's Campaign for Better Hospital Food and adviser to the Government's Hospital Food Review. She is also Patron of Chefs in Schools and Dignity in Dying.

SARA LLEWELLIN

Sara Llewelin is a campaigner and activist for social justice, enabling and leading change in multiple capacities. As Chief Executive of the Barrow Cadbury Trust (2009 - present), she has led the organisation to begin impact investing and shareholder activism, and was key to establishing the Connect Fund and Fair By Design partnerships, working with the voluntary, community and social enterprise sectors. She has been a longstanding steward of civil society, and previously chaired an independent commission 'Change for Good', addressing challenges and opportunities for the voluntary and community sectors. She was until recently a non-executive director of Charity Bank and on the Governing Council of the European Foundation Centre. She was previously Deputy Director of City Bridge Trust, Chair of London Funders, Director of St Giles Trust and prior to that spent 10 years in the violence against women movement.

PROFESSOR CAROLINE JAN MACEWEN

Carrie MacEwen is a world-renowned ophthalmologist and progressive medical leader. A highly acclaimed researcher, her work on the history and novel treatment of congenital lacrimal disorders received international recognition leading to changes in clinical practice. As President of the Royal College of Ophthalmologists (2014-17) she conceived and led 'The Way Forward' which demonstrated new ways to deliver ophthalmic care that stimulated change nationally. She became clinical lead for both the Getting It Right First Time eyes programme, England and the National Ophthalmology

Workstream, Scotland. She founded EyesWise, an NHSE resource to reduce unnecessary hospital referrals. In 2017, she was elected Chair of the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges. During the Covid-19 pandemic, she coordinated the response and input of Colleges at national level to provide the constructive engagement of the medical profession. Since July 2020, she has been appointed as a medical member of the GMC and Chair of the Health Quality Improvement Partnership.

ARLENE PHILLIPS CBE

Arlene Phillips is a choreographer, theatre director, talent scout, television judge and presenter, and former dancer, who has worked in many fields of entertainment. She has achieved mainstream fame as a judge on TV talent shows including Strictly Come Dancing and So You Think You Can Dance. Since the early 1970s, she changed the way dance was seen on television with her group Hot Gossip, and has since influenced the careers of countless performers. Arlene was at the forefront of the music video revolution in the 1980s, and has choreographed numerous Hollywood films and stage musicals in London's West End, New York's Broadway, and around the world. In 2017, she brought the dance community together for a fundraising gala which she directed. 'Gala For Grenfell' united dancers from across the world, with the aim of raising funds for those whose lives had been affected by the tragedy. The event raised over £100k and the funds have made a huge difference in schools, dance schools and community hubs.

MAURA REGAN OBE

Maura Regan has led the impressive expansion of Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust to include 26 schools, with plans to expand to total 35, making it one of the largest trusts within the North East. She is a national leader of education and has developed partnerships and supported over 100 schools to improve pupil outcomes, whilst also addressing recruitment and retention challenges. She also acted as strategic advisor to the Opportunity North East programme, providing extensive support to St Aidan's Church of England Academy, resulting in a Good judgement by Ofsted for the first time in the

school's history. Maura has also spearheaded a project to provide paid secondary maths and physics internships to undergraduates for the last 4 years, boosting the future supply of teachers in this dwindling area.

ANNE HELEN RICHARDS CVO CBE FRSE

Anne Richards is a model for women working in financial services. After her CBE in 2015, she was appointed the CEO of M&G Investments. In 2018, she moved to become the CEO of Fidelity International, an international financial services company with client assets of over USD \$750 billion. She is a Chartered Engineer, a Fellow of The Royal Society of Edinburgh, and Honorary Fellow of the CFA Institute. She joined the Financial Conduct Authority's Practitioner Panel in 2013 and served for six years, including two as chairman (2017-19). She began her career as a research fellow at the European Physics Laboratory, CERN in Switzerland. She helped establish its charitable foundation, the CERN & Society Foundation, focusing on education and outreach, in 2014 and served as its inaugural chair until stepping down in June 2020. She remains passionate about the importance of scientific education for everyone. She has served as the Vice-Convenor of the Court of the University of Edinburgh (2014-20). The Vice-Convenor works with the Vice Chancellor and is responsible for the leadership of the Court.

KNIGHTS BACHELOR

WILLIAM LESTER ADDERLEY

William Adderley has made a significant, sustained, contribution to social mobility in the most disadvantaged areas of the UK. He stands out from other philanthropists not only because of the scale of his generosity, but also because of the way he deploys his expertise to ensure that his giving has the maximum impact. He set up the Stoneygate Trust 10 years ago, which aims to donate £5m a year. He has helped to improve the care for the terminally ill by donating £2m to Loros, the Leicestershire Hospice. He has invested in Leicester University's Exercise Project and the Nottingham University Children's Brain Tumour research fund. His philanthropy has funded 170 live projects and 22 Fellowships for scientists in a very broad range of fields. He has sponsored 45 students to attend 5 universities through The Stoneygate Trust. He contributed magnificently to the fund which enabled Westminster Abbey to commission and complete the creation of The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Galleries. Lastly, alongside his philanthropic donations, he is the Deputy Chairman of the Dunelm Group.

PROFESSOR JOHN ALEXANDER DAVID ASTON

A world-renowned statistician, as Home Office Chief Scientific Adviser **John Aston** championed the use of science and research across the department, with personal impact on national security and public safety. His analysis of functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) data, which gives information about brain activity, has become a standard reference, supporting scientific research. He has secured the prestigious appointment of the Harding Professorship of Statistics in Public Life at the University of Cambridge following his CSA role, promoting trust in the use of statistics and quantitative evidence. He played a central role in the Home Office response to Covid-19, ensuring the Home Secretary was briefed and the latest scientific advice could be used. His advice during the 2018 drone incident at Gatwick enabled deployment of a technological response. During the incidents in Salisbury and Amesbury, his technical expertise and sound judgement provided scientific advice to COBR and law enforcement colleagues.

PHILIP AUGAR

Philip Augar chaired the independent panel contributing to the Government's Review of Post-18 Education and Funding, from creation in February 2018 to the report's publication in May 2019. He delivered a highly credible report of national prominence, comprehensively considering the full landscape of post-18 education. The report's 53 recommendations across higher and further education have been widely seen as credible and well-evidenced and had an immediate impact on Government policy. Beyond the report, he has continued to support education ministers' development of post-18 education policy through his advisory role on the Higher Education Strategy panel, set up to advise DfE on implementation of the report's recommendations. He has also served as a non-executive board member, both at the DfE from 2004-10 and at the Home Office from 2010-14.

MICHAEL DAVID WILLIAM GOOLEY CBE

Mike Gooley has donated over £75m to charitable causes and his donations continue at a rate of several million per annum. He is Founder and Executive Chairman of Trailfinders. He has built Trailfinders into the largest independently-owned travel company in the UK employing over 1100 people. At the onset of the Covid pandemic Trailfinders equipped almost 1,000 staff to work from home, repatriated 20,000 travellers, rearranged 100,000 holidays and refunded 140,000 clients £180m. He established the Mike Gooley Trailfinders Charity in 1995, a trust which he primes with around £3m per year of his own money. Beneficiaries include £6.3m to Cancer Research UK and £1.5m to Prostate Cancer UK (Mike and Fiona Gooley were Founder Patrons in 1997). Since 2017, Alzheimer's Research UK has received over £3.8m and the Defence and National Rehabilitation Centre has benefitted from £5m. St Georges College Weybridge received a donation of £5m towards their Activity Centre which opened in 2019. He has given the Borough of Ealing the best venue of its kind in the country, with up to 2,500 congregating there to support the rugby team Ealing Trailfinders and provides playing facilities for numerous schools and community teams. Under his patronage, including £25m donated over 23 years, the club has risen to the top of the Championship League of the Rugby Football Union.

PROFESSOR ANDREW HOPPER CBE

Andrew Hopper has had a major impact on the modern digital world due to his pioneering work in computer systems and architectures. As a serial entrepreneur who was personally responsible for starting 13 companies, he stands out as an exemplar for innovation and entrepreneurship. Most recently his work on computing and sustainability is helping to tackle global problems such as biodiversity and climate change. His top five publications have a citation count of over 12,000. He has a strong commitment to diversity: as Head of the Department of Computer Science and Technology in Cambridge for 14 years, he increased the number of women appointed to the staff from a handful to over half. The culture he created helped to establish over 200 start-ups, resulting in a huge amount of wealth generation for the country. Virata DSL Chip Company went public on NASDAQ in 1999; Solarflare, low-latency networking company was sold to Xilinx in 2019. He received the Royal Society Bakerian Medal and the Royal Academy of Engineering MacRobert award.

PROFESSOR PETER WILLIAM HORBY

Peter Horby has been a driving force behind the global response to pandemics, having played a major role in the SARS, bird flu and most recently Covid-19 outbreaks. For many years he has advised the World Health Organisation on epidemic preparedness, clinical research and clinical trial design for epidemic infectious diseases. Since 2016 he has been the Executive Director of the International Severe Acute Respiratory and emerging Infections Consortium (ISARIC), a world-wide federation of clinical research networks working on epidemic infections, such as pandemic influenza, Ebola and plague. At the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, he immediately worked with Chinese scientists in Wuhan to design and execute the first clinical trials. He also co-leads the RECOVERY trial, the world's largest trial of Covid-19 treatments. Since 2018, he has been Chair of NERVTAG, the UK's standing Expert Advisory Committee on respiratory viruses with pandemic potential.

ANTONIO MOTA DE SOUSA HORTA-OSORIO

Antonio Horta-Osorio is internationally respected in financial markets, and has performed a major service for the UK taxpayer in the last 10 years by leading Lloyds Banking Group from the brink of collapse back to profitability. He has worked to embed a greater consumer focus within the organisation and has sought to position Lloyds as a model for a fairer, more responsible culture in banking. Last year, he committed the bank to increasing the proportion of Black staff (specifically) in senior management positions to at least 3% by 2025. He has also driven forward work on gender diversity at Lloyds Banking Group. From 2014 to 2020 the proportion of women in senior positions in the group went from 28% to 37%. When he took over at Lloyds, HM Government owned 43% of the bank. The progress he has driven in the bank has enabled HM Treasury to return the bank fully to the private sector, returning £21.2 billion to the taxpayer: £900 million more than originally invested.

PROFESSOR JOHN ANDERSON KAY CBE FRSE FBA

John Kay is one of the pre-eminent economists in the UK today. He was Director of the Institute of Fiscal Studies, professor at the London Business School, and the first director of Oxford's Said Business School. He has changed the way some of the most important issues of the time are understood. He has done this in four ways. First, through building institutions, such as the Institute for Fiscal Studies. Second, via his books, key examples of which include his work on tax reform (*The British Tax System*, written jointly with Mervyn King); and on tensions between the long term and the short term (*The Long and the Short of It*). Third, through his encouragement of long-term perspective in his reports for the Government. Fourth, through his accessible journalism for the Financial Times and elsewhere. His book *Other People's Money* influenced the way regulation was carried out; in 2019, his critique of the MIFID regulations led to changes in the practice of the Financial Conduct Authority. His new book (2020, again with Mervyn King) on Radical Uncertainty is changing the way academics and policymakers think about uncertainty. His latest book, *Greed is Dead: Politics after Individualism* with Paul Collier provides more arguments for why strong communities are critical for establishing a successful economy and building a cohesive society.

PROFESSOR MARTIN JONATHAN LANDRAY

Martin Landray is a leading figure in the field of clinical trials. His previous trials of treatments for cardiovascular and kidney disease have demonstrated the power of this approach. He is founding director and chair of NHS DigiTrials, the Health Data Research Hub for Clinical Trials. He leads international efforts to guide modernisation of clinical trial regulation. His work on risk-based approaches to quality management has been adopted by the FDA and EMA, and he leads the Good Clinical Trials Collaborative to promote new forward-looking guidelines for randomised clinical trials. He is currently co-chief investigator of the URKI/NIHR-funded RECOVERY trial of treatments for patients hospitalised with Covid-19, the largest such trial in the world. RECOVERY was the first trial to demonstrate the benefit of dexamethasone for patients with severe disease, a result that is estimated to have saved many hundreds of thousands of lives.

ANTHONY JOSEPH LLOYD MP

Since 1979, **Tony Lloyd** has loyally served the people of Greater Manchester. His first elected position was as Councillor on Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council from 1979-1984, where he served as Deputy Leader of the Labour Group. In 1983 he was elected to Parliament as the Member for Stretford. Before the General Election in 1997, he served as a Labour whip, and Shadow Minister for Work and Pensions, Transport, Education and Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs. In 1997 he became Member of Parliament for Manchester Central and served as Minister of State in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. He then led the UK Parliamentary delegations to the Parliamentary Assemblies of the Council of Europe and the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe. In 2006 he became Chair of the Parliamentary Labour Party. In 2012 he stood down from Parliament and was elected as the Police and Crime Commissioner for Greater Manchester. Tony was appointed as Interim Mayor of Greater Manchester in 2015. At the 2017 General Election he returned to Parliament as the Member of Parliament for Rochdale. He was soon appointed Shadow Housing Minister and, subsequently, Shadow Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

ROGER MARSH OBE DL

Roger Marsh has made a real difference to economic growth across the North of England through his chairing of the Leeds City Region LEP and the NP11. His membership of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority since 2014 has helped pave the way for a devolution deal to bring a mayor to the region. As Chair of Leeds City Region LEP he has led a period of significant transformation since 2013. Inter-alia he was the driving force behind ‘Be the Spark’ a 2 year campaign, uniting cross party support from local authorities and the creative and digital sector which resulted in Channel 4 choosing LCR for their new National HQ and news centre. As Chair of The Piece Hall Trust since 2017, he has led the critical stages of the successful re-opening following the £19m regeneration. He has served on the national council of the Institute of Directors since 2016; been a member of Transport for the North Partnership Board since 2015; Chair, Strategic Oversight Board, Northern Powerhouse Investment Fund since 2016; Chair, European Structural and Investment Fund Local Sub-Committee since 2014 steering the £308m programme through the challenges since the EU Referendum. He was a Trustee and the Treasurer of the Iraq/Afghanistan Memorial Project CiO.

DR MICHAEL OLIVER MCBRIDE

Michael McBride was appointed consultant in HIV medicine at the Royal Group of Hospitals Trust in 1994 and Chief Medical Officer for Northern Ireland in 2006. He formally held the position of CEO of Belfast Trust. He is the chief adviser to Ministers on all health related matters and has specific responsibility for public health policy. Key policy initiatives include, in 2011, Quality 2020 on securing high quality care; and in 2019, the Protect Life 2-Strategy on Suicide Reduction. He had a significant role in the Review of Public Administration, including the establishment of the Public Health Agency. He leads, with the support of colleagues, the work to transform NI acute health services in line with Health and Wellbeing 2026–Delivering Together. In 2009, as acting head of the Department of Health he played a pivotal role in driving the response in NI to the H1N1 pandemic. At national level he chaired the Home Office Expert Panel Meetings on medicinal cannabis in 2018. In 2019, he chaired the National Institute of Health Research Selection Committee. He is leading the NI response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

HAMID PATEL CBE

Hamid Patel, CEO of Star Academies, was awarded a CBE in 2015 when the multi academy trust comprised just 7 schools. Since then, Star has grown to 29 schools (including 11 sponsored academies) with a pupil population of over 18,000. 14 of the schools have been graded outstanding by Ofsted. Hamid's leadership of a collaboration of partners galvanised rebuilding of the education infrastructure in a deprived part of Birmingham, resulting in a much better deal for young people. Hamid's brainchild StarLine was born out of the Covid-19 crisis, co-ordinating the expertise of 21 MATs and parenting organisations with 165 active volunteers. Hamid was appointed as a non-executive member of the Ofsted Board in 2019.

PROFESSOR ANDREW JOHN POLLARD

Andy Pollard has led the successful design, set up and implementation of the Oxford Covid-19 vaccine clinical trial, at unprecedented speed and scale nationally and internationally. As a result of his efforts, energy and leadership, the Oxford Covid-19 vaccine was among the first vaccines worldwide to be assessed for efficacy. As a direct result of his endeavours, an easily transportable, affordable, mass-producible vaccine was available for the world just 8 months after the first dose was administered in the trials. The vaccine was approved for use in the UK in December 2020 and by the World Health Organisation in February 2021, enabling distribution to low and middle income countries through CoVax. He chairs the Joint Committee on Vaccines and Immunisation which advises UK health departments on immunisation and has overseen 8 years of innovation in the NHS programme.

JONATHAN PRYCE CBE

Jonathan Pryce is one of the country's most talented actors. In the 1970s and 80s he established himself on the London stage with appearances in *The Taming of the Shrew*, *Macbeth* and his Olivier-winning *Hamlet*. For *Comedians in*

London he won the Olivier and went on to win the 1977 Tony Award for his Broadway debut. He was awarded his second Olivier and Tony for his performance in Miss Saigon. He shot to cinematic fame in Terry Gilliam's surreal epic Brazil and went on to cement his career with films as diverse as Tomorrow Never Dies, The Wife and the Man who Killed Don Quixote. In 2020, he was an Academy and BAFTA award nominee for the film the Two Popes, for which he won the BAFTA Cymru. Among charitable works he is a patron of the surgical charity Saving Faces and is an ambassador for Crisis. He also does work for the Alzheimer's Society.

MICHAEL JAMES RYAN CBE

One of NI's foremost businessmen, **Michael Ryan's** 40 year career is one of outstanding service recognised globally by the aerospace industry. Prior to, and since Bombardier's acquisition of Short Brothers in 1989, he held various management positions including President of Aerostructures employing 9,000 people globally. In 2009, he helped secure the largest ever inward investment to NI for the design and build of the wings for the CSeries aircraft. Despite a period of corporate austerity, he continued to secure investment in research and innovation for NI which contributed to strengthening UK aerospace. Having recently been acquired by Spirit AeroSystems, the Belfast site is the largest manufacturing employer in NI and a key economic driver. A long term board member and former Chair of Business in the Community NI, he also led the West Belfast/Greater Shankill Employers Forum. In 2012, he was named Business Person of the Year at the Belfast Telegraph and was recently re-appointed to the Economic Advisory Group by the Northern Ireland Economy Minister.

PROFESSOR KEITH MALCOLM WILLETT CBE

Keith Willett has worked in the NHS for over 40 years and he is one of their most valued clinical senior leaders. He was charged with preparing the NHS for EU exit. As EU Exit Strategic Commander he had the responsibility to ensure the NHS was fully prepared for the UK departure from the EU. This included working with DHSC, across government and with clinical colleagues in NHS

England. He also ensured that local NHS organisations, notably acute trusts, were fully involved in EU exit preparations. He led the establishment of the National Coordination Centre and regional response centres aligned to Emergency Preparedness structures. As Strategic Incident Director for Covid-19, he has led the NHS England response. By establishing a comprehensive EPRR response, he ensured the NHS has been fully prepared for the surge in Covid-19 cases. He has contributed directly to the work of COBR and the Civil Contingencies Secretariat.