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**Paul Lee reappointed as Chairman of Horserace Betting Levy Board**

Hugh Robertson, the Minister for Sport and Tourism, has reappointed Paul Lee as Chairman of the Horserace Betting Levy Board for 4 years, from 1 October 2013.

**Biographical details**

Paul was Senior Partner of Addleshaw Goddard until May 2010, and has practised with the firm since qualification, specialising in Corporate Finance. He read Law at Clare College Cambridge. He became Managing Partner of Addleshaw Sons & Latham in 1991 and Senior Partner of Addleshaw Booth & Co in 1997 before merger with Theodore Goddard in 2003 created what is now Addleshaw Goddard. Paul sits on the board of the CBI and on its Audit Committee, having previously been Chairman of the CBI North West. He is also Chairman of the North West Business Leadership Team and a member of the board of Barlows Limited. Paul has held various company directorships in public and private companies, including directorship of the Yorkshire Building Society. He is currently Chairman of the Royal Exchange Theatre in Manchester and Chairman of the Feoffees of Chetham's School of Music. Paul is involved in a variety of ways with Clare College Cambridge and is a Fellow of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award World Fellowship. Previously, Paul has served on the boards of the Hallé Concerts Society, Opera North and Northern Ballet Theatre and has been Joint-Chairman of the Prince's Trust Development Committee in the North West.

He holds no other public appointments.

**Background**

The Levy Board is a statutory body established by the Betting Levy Act 1961, now operating in accordance with the provisions of the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963. Its purpose is to assess and collect monetary contributions from bookmakers and the Tote via a levy, which it distributes for the improvement of horseracing and breeds of horses, and for the advancement of veterinary science and education.

The Chairman and two other members of the Levy Board are appointed by the Secretary of State, and the process follows the OCPA Code of Practice. The Chairman receives £63,020 per year, and is expected to devote approximately five days per month to the task on average, excluding attendance at race meetings and other events.

All public 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 defined political activity in the last five years to be made public. Mr Lee has declared no such political activity.