
New Chair of the Regulatory Horizons Council

New Chair of the regulation advisory council and the departure of the inaugural Chair and a Council member following successful tenures.

- government has appointed Christopher Hodges OBE – Emeritus Professor of Justice Systems at the University of Oxford – as the new Chair of the Regulatory Horizons Council
- Inaugural Chair, Cathryn Ross, and Council member, Matt Ridley stand down on completion of successful terms



The Business Secretary, Kwasi Kwarteng, has appointed Christopher Hodges OBE for a term of three years from August 2022 as the new Chair of the Regulatory Horizons Council, an independent expert committee established to ensure that UK regulation keeps pace with innovation and enables it to thrive while safeguarding the public.

Christopher Hodges OBE is Emeritus Professor of Justice Systems at the University of Oxford and a Supernumerary Fellow of Wolfson College, Oxford. He has extensive experience of regulatory systems, initially as a City of London lawyer and for the past 20 years as a leading academic researching many different sectors and advising numerous governments, regulators and businesses on regulatory issues. He is also the co-founder of the International Network for Delivery of Regulation.

Cathryn Ross's term as inaugural Chair of the Regulatory Horizons Council ended in June 2022. Cathryn's leadership oversaw the successful establishment of the Council and a substantial body of work and engagement, including the cross-cutting report Cathryn led on ([Closing the gap: getting from principles to practice for innovation friendly regulation](#)).

Council member Matt Ridley's term ends in August, having led on the [Regulation of Drones report](#) as well as the considerable contributions he made to the report on the [Regulation of Genetic Technologies report](#), and many other areas.