

## **National Lottery Commission Reappointment**

**Gerry Sutcliffe, Minister for Sport, has reappointed Dr Anne Wright CBE as Chair of the National Lottery Commission for a second term of four years from 16 October 2010 to 15 October 2014.**

### **Biographical information**

Dr Anne Wright CBE was appointed as Chair of the Commission in October 2005. She is a member of the Commission's Remuneration Committee and the Regulating with Excellence Reference Group. She is also Chair of the School Teachers Pay Review Body. Her former non-executive roles include the Board of English Partnerships and the Armed Forces Pay Review Body. Her former executive posts include Chief Executive of the Ufi/learnirect and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Sunderland. Among her voluntary roles is Chair of Trustees for Youth Music Theatre UK.

### **Background**

The National Lottery Commission is responsible for awarding the licence to run the National Lottery as well as granting licences for specific lottery games. The Commission monitors the performance of the operator and its compliance with its operator licence and regulations. It can impose penalties and sanctions for any breaches of the licence and ultimately it could revoke the operator licence.

The Chancellor announced in the Budget Statement on 24 March that it was the Government's intention to merge the National Lottery Commission and the Gambling Commission subject to the development of a business case and consultation. The timing of any potential merger and the governance structure of any new body have therefore yet to be determined. Anne Wright's experience will greatly assist in consideration of how best to merge the organisations whilst preserving the most appropriate regulation of both sectors.

The Chair of the National Lottery Commission may claim remuneration of £60,225 in addition to reasonable travel and subsistence expenses.

This appointment has been made in accordance with 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 appointees' political activity (if any declared) to be made public. Dr Wright has declared no political activity.