

## **UK FILM COUNCIL EXTENSION OF BOARD MEMBER TERMS OF APPOINTMENT**

Ed Vaizey, Minister for the has extended the appointments Heather Rabbatts and Mark Devereux to the UK Film Council for an additional 12 months commencing 26 February 2011

### **Biographical details**

#### **Heather Rabbatts CBE**

Heather has worked across Government both central and local, Broadcasting and recently football. She was Executive Deputy Chairman of Millwall Football club until summer of 2009 and was chairman of Shed Media until October 2010 and she is an independent film producer. Formerly Head of Education at Channel 4, she was responsible for commissioning education programmes and developing Channel 4's education business. She speaks at international and national events on leading and managing change, the changing nature of public service broadcasting and effective communications strategies. Heather has been a governor of the London School of Economics, a trustee of the British Council and from 1997-2000 a governor of the BBC. From May 2003 until the summer of 2007 she was a non-executive director of the Bank of England and is currently a member of the board of the UK Film Council. Heather is now a non executive of the Royal Opera House. Heather was awarded the CBE in the Year 2000 New Year's Honours

#### **Mr Mark Devereux**

Mark Devereux is a solicitor, specialising in media, and is the Senior Partner and founder member of the law firm Olswang. He has worked in the film industry for 30 years and has extensive experience in advising major entertainment and media corporations, including studios and broadcasters as well as financiers, producers, distributors, record companies, publishers, literary and talent agencies and celebrities. Mark provides strategic advice to companies and individuals in the television and film industries, and has been involved in the vast majority of UK M&A activity in the independent television sector. He regularly advises on the funding, sale and merger of film and television companies, the establishment of joint ventures, as well as complex tax based structured financings and output arrangements. Mark is a Board Director and the Deputy Chairman of the UK Film Council and is also a Deputy Chairman of the British Screen Advisory Council. He is qualified both in the UK and in the State of California.

### **Notes to editors**



The posts are not remunerated, though reasonable expenses may be claimed.

Appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. Mark Devereux and Heather Rabbatts have undertaken no significant political activity in the last five years.