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## **The British Library: appointment of new Part-time Board Members**

Ed Vaizey, the Minister for Culture, Communications and Creative Industries, has appointed David Barclay, Dr Mike Lynch and Dr Stephen Page to the Board of the British Library, for terms of four years, starting on 26 January 2011.

### **David Barclay**

David Barclay has 30 years' experience in strategic corporate finance. He was a Royal Institution Australian Science Scholar in 1971, and studied Natural Sciences and English at Cambridge University. Initially joining the Civil Service, with a spell as Private Secretary in No10 Downing Street, he moved to NatWest Markets in 1985 and became its Head of Corporate Finance. In 1998 he joined Dresdner Kleinwort and held successive positions as Head of UK Corporate Finance, Head of European Corporate Finance, and Vice Chairman which he held until 2005. He is also Non-executive Deputy Chairman of John Lewis Partnership plc (since 2006), Non-executive Director of Wessex Water Services Ltd (since 2005), and Senior Independent Director of Gartmore Group Ltd (since 2009). He holds no other public appointments.

### **Dr Mike Lynch OBE**

Dr Lynch is the Chief Executive of Autonomy Corporation plc, the largest purely software company in Europe, having started it up in 1996 and building it into a FTSE100 company. He originally followed an academic career, becoming a Post-doctoral Research Fellow at Cambridge University Communications Laboratory, until in 1991 he began developing software commercially. The Confederation of British Industry named him its Entrepreneur of the Year in 1999. He is also a Trustee of the National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts, an Advisory Board Member of Apax Partners, and holds non-executive director roles at the BBC, the Foundation of Science and Technology, Featurespace, and blinkx plc. He is a Board Member of Cambridge Enterprise and of the Royal Society 350th Anniversary Campaign Board, and a Council Member of the Royal Academy of Engineering. He belongs to the fundraising and Trustee boards of several educational charities, and was awarded OBE for services to Enterprise in 2006. He holds no other public appointments.

### **Dr Stephen Page**

Dr Page has 25 years of strategy and change management experience, with a particular focus on large-scale information technology. He was formerly the global Managing Director for Strategic IT Effectiveness at the management consultancy firm Accenture, helping large and complex businesses to deliver

business value from technology investments, to transform business processes, and to strengthen operational performance. He also held the global role of Growth & Strategy Director for Accenture Technology Consulting, a \$1.4bn business with 3,500 employees in 45 countries. He left Accenture in 2009 to embark on a non-executive career, in which he has helped steer capability and capacity growth in information-centered businesses. Dr Page originally studied music (with an emphasis on historical musicology) at the University of Queensland, and holds a D.Phil from New College, Oxford where he was a Commonwealth Scholar and a member of the Programming Research Group. Dr Page is also a professional photographer specialising in children's portraiture, and a trustee of the Classical Opera Company. He holds no other public appointments.

## **Background**

The British Library is one of the greatest research libraries in the world; in terms of the breadth and depth of collection and the range of services it provides it is the greatest. As it pursues its mission to advance the world's knowledge, it underpins the UK's contribution to research, scholarship and business innovation. It aims to provide resources, tools, experts and services to inspire creativity and to support a vibrant and diverse research population. Research increasingly functions in a world of e-resources, virtual tools and collaborative communities, and a choice of where to work physically. And so the Library is increasingly exploiting the advantages of web technology to offer wider access to its renowned collection of over 150 million items, housed on 360 miles of shelving at its award winning building at St Pancras and its northern site in Yorkshire.

Board members may claim £9,130 per year for their part-time contribution, in return for approximately two days per month dedicated to the role.

These appointments have been made in accordance with the Code of Practice of the Commissioner for Public Appointments. 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 political activity in the last five years (if any declared) to be made public. Mr Barclay and Dr Page have declared no political activity; Dr Lynch has declared a recordable donation to both the Labour Party and the Conservative Party.