



Reappointed Professor Robert Burgess and Sheila Forbes to the Board of the British Library Board

David Lammy has reappointed Professor Robert Burgess and Sheila Forbes to the Board of the British Library Board both for a period of four years. Professor Burgess' appointment will run from 20 December 2006 and Sheila Forbes' appointment will run from 20 January 2007.

Biographical details

Ms Sheila Forbes

Sheila was formerly Chair of QUEST (which had oversight of the efficiency of DCMS Non-Departmental Public Bodies) until it ceased to be an NDPB in June 2002. Her career includes: Personnel Director at Unigate plc 1980-1988; Group Personnel Director of Storehouse plc 1988-1992 and Director of HR at Reed Elsevier plc 1996. Sheila was a Civil Service Commissioner until December 2003, and was a Non-executive Director at Lloyds TSB, Chair of the Board of Governors at Thames Valley University, vice president and chair of the Board of Institute for Employment Studies. Sheila is currently a director of Tribal Group and OCS Ltd, a trustee of the Crafts Council, and a consultant.

Sheila Forbes has not carried out any political activity during the last five years.

Professor Robert Burgess

Robert Burgess is Vice-Chancellor of the University of Leicester and Chair of the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS), the Research Information network, the UUK/Guild HE Teacher education Advisory Group and the ESRC/Funding Council's teaching and learning Research Programme. He is a Trustee of the Higher Education Academy, a member of the Board and Council of the Institute for Employment Studies and an Academician of the Academy of Learned Societies in the Social Sciences. He is currently chairing the UUK/Guild HE enquiry on Measuring and Recording Student Achievement. He has been President of the British Sociological Association, President of the Association for the Teaching of the Social Sciences, founding Chair of the UK Council for Graduate Education and has been a member of the Council and Chair of the Postgraduate Training Board of the Economic and Social Research Council. He has recently been Chair of the East Midlands Universities Association and Honorary Secretary of the Society for Research in Higher Education. He was previously Senior Pro-vice Chancellor, director

of CEDAR (Centre for Educational Development, Appraisal and research) and Professor of Sociology at the University of Warwick.

Professor Burgess has undertaken no political activity during the last five years.

Notes for Editors

1. 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 help people advance knowledge to enrich lives, it underpins the UK's contribution to research, scholarship and business innovation. It is a world class cultural institution with a vital role as holder of the national memory; its renowned collection of over 150 million items, is housed on 360 miles of shelving at its award winning building at St Pancras and its northern site in Yorkshire. It is currently continuing to adapt its role in a complex and very fast-changing technical and publishing environment. The publication in July 2005 of the Library's strategy document Redefining the Library addresses the question "What steps must we take to ensure our vitality in the digital age?" and sets an exciting and challenging agenda for 2005-2008.
2. Appointments to the British Library Board are made under the British Library Act 1972.
3. Part-time members of the Board receive remuneration of £8,660 per annum.
4. These re- appointments have been made in accordance with the Office of the Commissioner for Public Appointments' Code of Practice.