

Philip Graf re-appointed as Deputy Chairman of Ofcom

Philip Graf has been re-appointed as Deputy Chairman of Ofcom and Chairman of the Ofcom Content Board by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, Andy Burnham and the Secretary of State for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform, John Hutton.

His re-appointment is for a further three years to 31 December 2011.

Background

Ofcom is an independent statutory corporation accountable to Parliament. The Ofcom Board provides strategic direction for the organisation, with a Non-Executive Chairman and Deputy Chairman, four Non-Executive Directors and four Executive Directors including the Chief Executive Officer.

Non-Executive Directors of the Ofcom Board (including the Chair and Deputy Chair) are appointed jointly by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport and the Secretary of State for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform, under the provisions of the Office of Communications Act 2002.

The Chief Executive is appointed by the Nominations Committee of the Board, which includes the Chairman and an Independent Assessor. The other Executive Directors of the Board are appointed on the recommendation of the Chief Executive and approved by the Non-Executive Directors.

The time commitment for the Deputy Chairman appointment is up to three days per week, for which a remuneration of £103,202 per annum will be made.

The re-appointment has been made in accordance with the Code of Practice set out by the Office of the Commissioner for Public Appointments (OCPA).

Biography

Philip Graf is the Non-Executive Deputy Chairman of Ofcom. He is also a Member of Ofcom's Remuneration, Nominations and Audit Committees and Chair of Ofcom's Content Board and Radio Licensing Committee.

He joined the Liverpool Daily Post and Echo in 1983, which became Trinity International Holdings in 1985. He subsequently became Chief Executive in 1993 and was appointed Chief Executive of Trinity Mirror Group when the company merged with the Mirror Group in 1999 – a position he held until February 2003. He is a former Chair of the Press Standards Board of Finance and of the Broadband Stakeholder Group. He is currently a partner at Praesta Partners LLP and a Non-Executive Director of Archant Limited.

Notes to Editors

1. Philip Graf was appointed for a period of three years from 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2008. He has been re-appointed from the end of that term for a period of three years from 01 July 2008 to 31 December 2011
2. All appointments to Ofcom 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. Philip Graf has declared that he assisted his former wife on election day for the 2001 County Council elections, in which his wife stood as a Liberal Democrat candidate.

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