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Arts Council England – North West Chair Appointment

Barbara Follett, Minister for Culture has agreed to appoint Anil Ruia as Arts Council England's North West Chair Regional Chair for a term of four year from 24 November 2008 to 23 November 2012.

Biographical Details

Anil Ruia OBE, DL, JP, LLB, ACA, FRSA

Company Director who has a strong background in culture and sport in the North West region and also in supporting the region through his business and skills experience. Currently a trustee of the National Museums, Liverpool and was formerly Chairman of the Commonwealth Film Festival, Director of M2002 Ltd (Commonwealth Games) and board member of the Northwest Cultural Consortium. In the business and skills area, he is a former Board member of the NW Regional Skills Partnership, Board Member of Northwest Development Agency, President of Manchester Chamber of Commerce and as Vice Chairman of Knowledge Capital, Manchester. Also serves as a Governor of the University of Manchester and The Manchester Grammar School and has recently retired as a Magistrate.

Background

1. Arts Council England develops and promotes the arts across England, acting as an arms length body from the Government. DCMS recently announced an increase in funding for Arts Council England by 3.3% above inflation over the next three years, taking its total grant in aid to £467m in 2010-11. In addition, Arts Council England is expected to have £500m to distribute from the National Lottery between 2009 and 2012. This provides the bedrock of support for the arts in England.
2. This appointment attracts a remuneration of £6170, reasonable travel and subsistence may be claimed.
3. The appointments process was carried out in accordance with the OCPA Code of Practice for Public Appointments. Appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. Anil has not undertaken any political activity during the past five years.