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Tate: Appointment of Tom Bloxham MBE to Board of Trustees

The Prime Minister has appointed **Tom Bloxham MBE** as a Tate Trustee. His term of appointment will be four years from 23 February 2009.

Since 1993, Tom Bloxham MBE has been Chairman of Urban Splash, an award-winning regeneration company based in Manchester. He is the Chairman of Centre for Cities and of Manchester International Festival, a Trustee of the Manchester United FC Foundation, and was recently inaugurated as Chancellor of the University of Manchester. He was a Board Member of Liverpool Capital of Culture from 2004 to 2008 and a member of Arts Council England from 2002 to 2008. He had previously chaired the North West Arts Board and been a member of the Tate Liverpool Advisory Board. He also served on the Urban Sounding Board and Property Advisory Group of the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister between 2000 and 2004.

Background

1. Tate's mission, laid down by the 1992 Museums and Galleries Act, is to increase public knowledge, understanding and appreciation of art. Its responsibilities are safeguarding and enhancing its assets which are the collections, expertise in the collections and subject area, and the buildings. Tate seeks to spread the benefits of those assets by maximising access and developing value for visitors, satisfying stakeholders and through effective organisation and sound financial management. Tate Trustees are not remunerated.
2. The appointment process has followed the OCPA Code of Practice. 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 (if any declared) to be made public. Mr Bloxham has declared no political activity in the last five years.