

Secretary of State announces the extension of NIO Lead Non-Executive Board Member

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The Secretary of State has announced an extension to the term of Mr Leslie Philpott as the Lead Non-Executive Board Member for the Northern Ireland Office.

The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, the Right Honourable Hilary Benn MP, has announced an extension to the term of Mr Leslie Philpott as the Lead Non-Executive Board Member for the Northern Ireland Office.

The appointment is for a short time-limited period of six months, ending on 31 March 2027.

Biography

Les Philpott is Chair of the Board of the Government Actuary's Department, Chair of the Marine Management Organisation and a Non-Executive Director of Benenden Healthcare Society Ltd. His previous non-executive experience includes serving as Chair of the educational charity, NEBOSH, and as a NED at Mid-Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. Les formerly held the role of CEO at the Office for Nuclear Regulation and previously held senior leadership roles at the Health and Safety Executive.

Terms of Appointment

- The extension is part-time for a six month period, ending on 31 March 2027.
- The position attracts a fixed remuneration of £15,000 per annum for a commitment of approximately 20 days per year.
- The positions are not pensionable.

Political Activity

Non-Executive Board members are appointed 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 in defined categories to be made public.

Mr Leslie Philpott has declared that he has not been politically active in the last five years.

Regulation

Appointments to the role of Non-Executive Board Members to the Northern Ireland Office are regulated by the Commissioner for Public Appointments.

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