

New Rural Payments Agency (RPA) non-executive directors appointed

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Alison White has been appointed non-executive chair of RPA's Audit and Risk Assurance Committee (ARAC). Paul Savage, David Brooks, Sarah Calcutt and Stephen Briggs have been appointed as non-executive directors.

RPA has today announced the appointment of a new non-executive chair of its ARAC, Alison White, and four new non-executive directors: Paul Savage, David Brooks, Sarah Calcutt and Stephen Briggs.

Non-executive board members are senior figures from outside government, appointed to provide challenge to government organisations. All non-executive director appointments are made in line with the Governance Code on Public Appointments.

Alison, Paul, David, Sarah and Stephen began their appointments on 1st March 2026, with their terms lasting for up to 3 years.

The RPA board provides leadership and strategic advice to the agency, with particular responsibility for monitoring performance and delivery.

RPA's CEO Oliver Munn stated:

"I'm delighted to welcome Alison, Paul, David, Sarah and Stephen to the RPA. Each brings experience that will strengthen our governance and give us the thoughtful challenge we need. Their insight will support us as we continue improving performance and modernising how we work so that we can better serve the nation's farmers and rural communities."

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