

ANNEX 3

Details of nominated Councillors, Committee Members and Vice Presidents

New Councillors

1. **Mr Andy Helliwell** – is the first House of Lords Chief Operating Officer, responsible at Board level for strategy, business planning and risk, overseeing communications, facilities and business improvement and change; and with pan-Parliamentary responsibilities for digital transformation and in relation to Restoration and Renewal. He joined Parliament in January 2022 from the Civil Service, where he had most recently served as the operations director for the Cabinet Office COVID-19 Task Force which co-ordinated the Government response to the pandemic. Prior to that he was executive director of Government Shared Services.

Andy spent his earlier career in national security roles, principally in the Ministry of Defence but also in industry and the Cabinet Office. He has been a finance and HR director as well as a leader of transformational change and a policy adviser. He was appointed as a Trustee Committee member in 2024 and is a member of the Finance, Investment, Remuneration & Audit Committee and the Policy Development and Nominations Committee.

2. **Dr Kate Richardson OBE** – is a safeguarding leader with more than 30 years' experience working across social work, law enforcement, and international child protection. She is currently the Head of Safeguarding and Child Protection at the UK's National Crime Agency, where she leads national and international responses to protect children and vulnerable adults.

Her career has spanned frontline social work, major child protection investigations, and international advocacy. She has played leading roles in the NCA's Operation Stovewood, the Lumos Foundation, and was a founding member of the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP).

Alongside her practice, Kate has a PhD in safeguarding and access to justice for child victims of sexual abuse, and has advised governments, the UN, and NGOs worldwide.

Recognised with multiple commendations for her work, she was awarded the OBE in 2019 for her outstanding contribution to safeguarding.

3. **Ms Deana Rouse MBE** – is a Senior Civil Servant in the Ministry of Defence, currently in the role of Director Business Operations where she is responsible for directing and enabling MOD-wide business improvement and efficiency; providing corporate services support to the Department of State; and running the PFI contract for MOD Main Building in Whitehall. Deana has enjoyed a range of roles in Defence

and National Security since starting her career in the Civil Service in 1999, including in Communications, Overseas Policy, Human Resources, Ministerial Private Office and supporting the military operation in Iraq for which she was awarded the MBE. As a Senior Civil Servant, Deana was responsible for all aspects of Defence Security before taking up post as the Chief of Staff to the Permanent Secretary in 2012.

In November 2015, Deana moved to Navy Command, where she led workforce planning for the Navy's civilian personnel and the Policy, Secretariat and Department of State functions. In this role, Deana also oversaw Navy Command's heritage and Third Sector, working closely with the Marine Society and Sea Cadets, the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity and Greenwich Hospital.

In 2019, Deana undertook a loan to the Cabinet Office as Chief Operating Officer of the Government Security Function and Director of Government Security where she was responsible for corporate services and the professional development of 11,500 security practitioners across Government, before returning to MOD to take up her current role in 2022.

Deana was appointed as a Trustee Committee member in 2024; she serves on both the Finance Investment Remuneration and Audit Committee and the Policy Development and Nominations Committee.

4. **Ms Honor Wilson-Fletcher MBE FRGS FBES** – has been CEO at British Exploring Society for nearly 10 years. Previously CEO for six years at the Aldridge Foundation, she helped establish 12 state schools in some of the most deprived parts of England. This gave her her first opportunity to and understand the positive impact of challenging adventures for young people. Honor started two businesses in her twenties. She had a happy career in bookselling and publishing before jumping the fence to the world of not-for-profits. She has since worked as a Director at the British Museum, Southbank Centre and the National Literacy Trust where she ran the National Year of Reading for the government. She has served as a charitable trustee since her twenties and is currently on the board of the Ulysses Trust and the Association for Character Education and is a special advisor to CIC Skills Builder.

Honor is a Trustee Committee member of the Safety, Safeguarding Inclusion and Risk Committee as well as the Policy Development and Nominations Committee, she was formally appointed in July 2024.

New Committee Member

1. **Mr Rob Faricy** – joined the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) in 2016 after a career in law enforcement. He led the charity's first dedicated investigation team to learn from accidents and incidents involving RNLI crews and was appointed Head of Safety in 2019.

Having introduced a new approach to safety learning and launched a new strategy for safety and risk, Rob was appointed the RNLI's first Director of Safety and Independent Assurance in 2021. Following successful implementation of a new assurance framework, he took on a broader portfolio in the role of Chief Delivery Officer in 2025, with responsibility for organisational change.

Rob is a chartered member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health, lives in North Dorset with his partner, and in his spare time enjoys dog walks and sailing along the south coast.

New Vice Presidents

1. **Vice Admiral Sir Jonathan Woodcock KCB OBE** – educated at Ryde School on the Isle of Wight and Britannia Royal Naval College, Sir Jonathan Woodcock joined the Royal Navy in 1980 as a Marine Engineer. He served as Commander (Engineering) in HMS Ark Royal and saw action during Operation Telic as Staff Marine Engineer to the Amphibious Task Group. He went on to be Chief of Staff to the Capability Manager Precision Attack at the Ministry of Defence in December 2003. He commanded the Royal Naval School of Marine Engineering in March 2005 and was the Commanding Officer of HMS Raleigh in January 2008. After two wonderful years in the West Country, he became Head of Pay and Manning in the Ministry of Defence in April 2010 and the Director Naval Personnel at Fleet Headquarters in January 2012. Promoted to Rear Admiral and appointed Naval Secretary to the First Sea Lord in September 2012. He became Second Sea Lord in March 2015, retiring from the position and the Royal Navy in March 2018.

Sir Jonathan was appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in the 2008 Birthday Honours and knighted as a Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath (KCB) in the 2018 New Year Honours. He was co-opted in April 2018 and elected at the Annual Court in October 2018.

He has been a member of the Safety, Safeguarding, Inclusion and Risk Committee and the Policy Development and Nominations Committee. He has also served as Trustee representative on the National Sea Cadet Advisory Council, stepping down from this role in 2025.

2. **Mr Conrad Blakey OBE RD JP** – was a Director of MENAS (Middle East Navigation Aids Service) and then IFAN (International Foundation for Aids to Navigation) from 2002 until 2019. His considerable maritime expertise was shaped by his education at the Merchant Navy school ship HMS Conway, and his career as a Midshipman in the Royal Naval Reserve from 1961, for which he received a Reserve Decoration in 1982 while serving on board HMS President.

A Magistrate from 1971 to 2001 (including as a Bench Chairman, 1992-1997), Conrad chaired the Kent Probation Committee between 1993 and 1998 and was awarded an OBE for services to the rehabilitation of offenders, presented by HM Queen Elizabeth II in 1996. In the field of healthcare, Conrad was the founding Chairman of South Kent NHS Hospitals Trust from 1993 to 1997, before being appointed Chairman of the East Kent NHS Hospitals Trust (1997 – 2001) where he merged three existing trusts into the largest non-teaching hospitals trust in the UK. Between 2008 and 2012, Conrad was Chairman of the 'In & Out' Naval and Military Club where he continues to be a trustee.

3. **Mr Martin Coles CBE** – recently stood down as Chief Executive of the charity Marine Society & Sea Cadets, a role he held passionately from 2010, leveraging his extensive business experience gained from his previous 30-year career in industrial and commercial property. Educated at Sheffield Hallam University, Martin is a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

He is a Younger Brother of Trinity House, a member of the Livery Company of Chartered Surveyors and the Worshipful Company of Shipwrights. A former Trustee of Youth United Foundation, which works to support uniformed youth organisations in the UK, he is a Trustee of ANSS (Annual National Seafarers Service) held each year

at St Paul's, and has agreed to become a Trustee of ASTO (Association of Sail Training Organisations), a membership body promoting UK sail training for young people.

Alongside enjoying sailing, Martin is seeking further voluntary or non-exec roles whilst continuing to volunteer with Sea Cadets, where he runs a Junior section, is a dinghy, powerboat and first aid instructor, and enjoys acting as a relief coxswain on the Sea Cadets Tallship, TS Royalist.

Martin was awarded a CBE in the 2022 New Year's Honours for services to youth development and seafarers.

4. **Sir Stelios Haji-Ioannou** – is a renowned entrepreneur and philanthropist, best known as the founder of the easyGroup of companies. He launched easyJet in the mid-1990s and developed it into one of Europe's largest airlines, eventually floating the company on the London Stock Exchange to fuel its expansion. In 2006, he was awarded a knighthood by Queen Elizabeth II for his services to entrepreneurship. Building on his business success, he established the Stelios Philanthropic Foundation in 2011 to support a wide range of charitable causes. In 2017, he further pledged to donate at least half of his wealth to philanthropy by joining the Giving Pledge initiative.

For the Marine Society & Sea Cadets (MSSC), Sir Stelios has been a passionate supporter over many years. In 2018, his foundation donated a 42-foot Rustler sailing yacht – now named TS Sir Stelios – to the Sea Cadets' offshore training fleet, a vessel that allows many more young cadets to experience transformational voyages at sea. He also funded the purchase of six modern RS21 keelboats in 2019, which are rotated around the country to give cadets nationwide hands-on sailing training and racing opportunities. Each year, Sir Stelios sponsors the Sea Cadets' On The Water outreach programme, which introduces children from hard-to-reach communities to water sports and the Sea Cadets experience. This ongoing generosity and involvement has been instrumental in helping Sea Cadets expand its impact.