

CONSULTATION TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITHOUT A COMPETITION: UK SPORT

The Commissioner for Public Appointments has been consulted under paragraph 3.3 of the Governance Code on Public Appointments (the Governance Code) by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media & Sport to make an appointment, exceptionally, without a competition.

The Governance Code requires the appointing authority to consult the Commissioner in good time before the appointment is made and to make the decision public alongside their reasons for doing so.

Appointing authority's reasons for making an appointment without competition

The Secretary of State has decided to appoint Lis Astall as Interim Chair of UK Sport without putting the post out to open competition.

The current Chair, Rod Carr, is due to step down on 21 April 2017. The campaign to appoint his successor is well under way but it is unlikely that it will be concluded in time to enable a successor to be appointed before Mr Carr steps down.

To cover this period, Ms Astall's appointment will be for a period of a maximum of 3 months or until a new Chair is selected – whichever occurs sooner.

Appointee

Lis Astall currently sits as a Member on the Board of UK Sport. She worked for Accenture for 27 years, latterly as Managing Director of Public Services for Europe, Africa and Latin America, and has sat on numerous Boards in a non-executive capacity, ranging across the sport, science, defence, employment and charitable sectors.

She has a strong sporting interest, having sponsored the British Showjumping Young Rider Squad for ten years and served as the President of the British Show Jumping Association for four years. Whilst at Accenture she led the team that supported the London bid as a Premier Partner and also supported the sponsorship work for the Royal Yachting Association.

Commissioner's response to the Consultation

The Commissioner for Public Appointments has considered the reasons put forward by the Secretary of State and is content with the proposal to appoint Ms Astall without competition to the post of Interim Chair of UK Sport for a period not exceeding three months once the incumbent stands down on 21 April.

**Commissioner for Public Appointments
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