

PRESS NOTICE

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The Office of the Commissioner for Public Appointments (OCPA) has appointed [Adam Heppinstall KC](#) to lead on its consideration of the public appointment process that led to the appointment of the BBC Chair in February 2021. This follows the [recusal of William Shawcross](#).

This will be carried out under the [Public Appointments Order in Council 2019](#) - to provide assurance on whether the appointment process was conducted in line with the government's [Governance Code for Public Appointments](#).

Adam Heppinstall KC will be supported by OCPA officials, and the findings and any recommendations will be published on the OCPA website in due course.

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Notes to Editors

1. Media enquiries about the work of the Commissioner for Public Appointments to be directed to Maggie O'Boyle on 07880 740627.
2. The Commissioner for Public Appointments regulates the processes by which Ministers in the UK and Welsh Governments make appointments to the boards of national and regional public bodies. The post of independent Commissioner for Public Appointments was created in 1995 following a report by the Committee on Standards in Public Life, chaired by Lord Nolan.
3. You can follow the Commissioner for Public Appointments on twitter [@publicapptscomm](#)