

PRESS NOTICE

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REPORT OF THE INQUIRY INTO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR OF THE INDEPENDENT FOOTBALL REGULATOR

The independent Commissioner for Public Appointments, Sir William Shawcross CVO, has today published the report of his [inquiry into the process of appointing the Chair of the Independent Football Regulator](#).

The report considers whether the appointment process, managed by the Department of Culture, Media and Sport, was in line with the Cabinet Office's [Governance Code and Principles for Public Appointments](#).

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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 or email m.oboyle@csc.gov.uk
2. [The role of the Commissioner for Public Appointments](#) is to regulate public appointments and provide independent assurance that appointments by Ministers to the boards of public bodies are made in accordance with the [Governance Code and Principles for Public Appointments](#).
3. The Commissioner does not have the remit to make or terminate a public appointment. The public appointment process is managed by the government department; Ministers select the successful candidate from a list of candidates judged as appointable by the Advisory Assessment Panel.
4. This inquiry, announced on 29 May 2025, was carried out under the Commissioner's powers set out in the [Public Appointments \(No.2\) Order in Council 2023](#) to consider whether the public appointment process for the Chair of Independent Football Regulator, managed by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, was conducted in line with the February 2024 [Governance Code and Principles for Public Appointments](#). The Cabinet Office published a [revised Code](#) on 30 October 2025.
5. The post of an independent Commissioner for Public Appointments was created in 1995 following publication of a report by the Committee on Standards in Public Life chaired by Lord Nolan.
6. Find out more about the role of the Commissioner [here](#).
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