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### **Ian Watmore appointed as First Civil Service Commissioner**

Her Majesty The Queen has approved the appointment of Ian Watmore as First Civil Service Commissioner.

The First Civil Service Commissioner leads the Civil Service Commission, which has responsibility for upholding the statutory requirement to select for appointment to the Civil Service on merit on the basis of fair and open competition. The Commission also hears and determines complaints raised by civil servants under the Civil Service Code, the ethical code of the Civil Service, and works with departments to help them promote the Code and the core values of the Civil Service

Ian said:

“I am delighted to be appointed as First Commissioner. I look forward to helping the Civil Service develop the leadership skills, diversity and flexibility to meet the new post-referendum challenges, while maintaining the core principles and values that make the British Civil Service the envy of the World.”

Ian Watmore was appointed following open competition and pre-appointment scrutiny by the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee on 6<sup>th</sup> September. His appointment is for five years and will commence on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016.

#### **Notes to Editors**

- 1. Media enquiries about the work of the Commission should go to Maggie O’Boyle on 07880 740 627.**
2. Ian Watmore’s career is diverse, spanning private, public, sports, university, church and third sectors. After studying mathematics and management at Trinity College Cambridge, Ian spent 24 years in the private sector culminating as Accenture UK CEO from 2000 to 2004. He then worked for 7

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years in the Civil Service, holding three different Permanent Secretary posts under three Prime Ministers, first at the Prime Minister's Delivery Unit in No 10, then at the Department of Innovation, Universities and Skills, and latterly at the Cabinet Office. He has held several Board positions in sports administration, 13 years supporting TeamGB at the English Institute of Sport, 5 years at the Rugby World Cup, 1 year at the Football Association, and 3 years at Quantum Sports, an agency which manages his son's career as a Premiership and England footballer. He now supports his wife in her role as a Church of England rector and is himself a Church Commissioner. He is an independent member of Cambridge University's Information Services Committee, has an Honorary Degree from the University of Westminster, and regularly lectures at Cranfield University to cohorts of senior Civil Servants on project and programme management. He chairs the Migraine Trust charity and successfully project managed the creation of a community sports hall in south Manchester. He is completing a three year role on the Board of the Information Commissioner's Office at the end of September.

3. The First Civil Service Commissioner is paid £56,000 per annum for an average of 2 days per week, based in Central London. Ian Watmore will continue to live in the North of England and will meet his own travel and accommodation costs while in London.
4. The Civil Service Commission was established as a statutory body in November 2010 under the provisions of the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010. The Commission is independent of Ministers and the Civil Service. It is responsible for upholding the requirement that recruitment to the Civil Service is on merit on the basis of fair and open competition.
5. The Commission comprises senior figures from the private, public and third sectors. Civil Service Commissioners are appointed by the Crown for five-year non-renewable terms of office. Kathryn Bishop has been fulfilling the functions of the First Civil Service Commissioner, in addition to her role as a Civil Service Commissioner, since April 2016, when Sir David Normington's term of office ended. The other Commissioners are Jonathan Baume, Jan Cameron, Isabel Doverty, Andrew Flanagan, Wanda Goldwag, Sarah Laessig, Angela Sarkis and Kevin Woods.  
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