



PRESS RELEASE

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SUBJECT : Sir Chris Fox stands down as Chair of the Civil Nuclear Police Authority

Sir Chris Fox has announced his intention to stand down from the role as Chair of the Civil Nuclear Police Authority.

He said,

“This decision has been made reluctantly but over the last two years the time commitment required has increased significantly. The work programme for the next 12 months, at least, is not reducing and it is important that the Chairman is central to this programme.

It is crucial that the excellent work already done by the Chief Constable and staff of the Civil Nuclear Constabulary is properly supported into the future and that the Chairman is able to give the amount of time the role now requires. Other commitments do not allow me to continue to allocate that time.

I feel that the direction for the organisation is now set and the next phase of work will require a high level of time commitment at Board level to ensure successful completion.

I would like to thank the senior team at the Civil Nuclear Constabulary for their support and all the staff who work tirelessly to achieve success. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the Civil Nuclear Constabulary and I know it is in good hands.”

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Notes to Editors

A further press release will be issued by the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC).

Civil Nuclear Police Authority (CNPA)

The Energy Act 2004 created the Civil Nuclear Police Authority and sets out the powers and jurisdiction of Members. The Civil Nuclear Police Authority consists of eight members; all appointed by the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change. The Chair is an independent Member, a position held from 1 April 2009 until 23 May 2011 by Sir Christopher Fox. The other independent members are Dame Elizabeth Neville (former Chief Constable of Wiltshire), who is Police Advisor, Mr. Rob Wright and Mr. Stephen Barrett. Further Members are representatives from operating companies from the civil nuclear industry. The Governance and reporting structures are different from that of regional forces.

As an NDPB of the Department of Energy and Climate Change, the role of the CNPA 'Board' is to ensure it fulfils its statutory responsibilities to secure the maintenance of an efficient and effective constabulary (the Civil Nuclear Constabulary), and to ensure compliance with any statutory directions given by the Secretary of State. Its primary function is to maintain an effective and efficient Civil Nuclear Constabulary whose purpose is to protect civil nuclear licensed sites and safeguard nuclear material within the UK and during transportation. The Authority sits above the Constabulary as the employer of all its officers and police staff and the Chief Constable reports directly to the Chairman as his/her line manager. The Police Authority is the appropriate legal entity responsible for matters of compliance.

Civil Nuclear Constabulary

The Civil Nuclear Constabulary (CNC) is the specialised armed police force whose primary role is the protection of civil nuclear sites and nuclear materials from terrorist attack. There are just over 1000 police officers and staff stationed at police units across a number of civil nuclear sites in England, Scotland and Wales.