

Research

The PCF undertakes research on issues which are of interest and importance to our members. Previous reports have offered practical advice on areas such as:

- Managing transitions in public bodies in the wake of the reforms.
- Building more effective relationships between public bodies and Government Departments.
- Accountability and Governance for Chairs and Boards of public bodies.
- Best practice transparency.
- Alternative models for service delivery.

We work closely with the Institute for Government and other associates to produce this research.

We have also produced a number of interactive web tools which build on our research and assist public bodies and Departments in putting our research into practice.

Please visit our website for more information on our work.



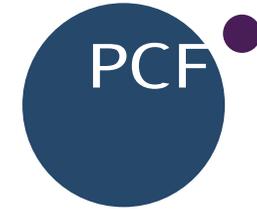
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PUBLIC CHAIRS' FORUM

“ Public Bodies are key to delivering leaner and more focused public services, as well as driving economic growth. Delivering the principles of the Civil Service Reform Plan will create significant challenges but provides opportunities for Chairs to take the lead and develop innovative ways to deliver public services, harnessing their knowledge of what works best. I think that the PCF can make an enormous contribution to addressing these challenges by facilitating the sharing of responses between Chairs and by helping inform Government. I very much encourage all Chairs of public bodies to join the PCF if they are not already involved. ”



Sir Bob Kerslake, Head of the Home Civil Service

“ It was interesting to know on becoming a Chair there must be lots of them, but I didn't really know where to find them and discuss areas of common interest and share issues which have similarities (there being little that is unique!). On finding the PCF, I found the place, the people and the issues that have really helped me. ”



Ed Smith, Chair,
Student Loans Company

**A NETWORK OF CHAIRS OF PUBLIC
BODIES WORKING TO IMPROVE THE
EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS
OF PUBLIC SERVICES**

The Public Chairs' Forum

WHO WE ARE

The Public Chairs' Forum (PCF) is a member led, exclusive information sharing and networking resource for Chairs of public bodies.

OUR WORK

Through a programme of unique and carefully tailored seminars, events and research the PCF facilitates an environment for Chairs to identify best practice and work together to improve the delivery of public services.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership includes approximately 10 seminars and events a year, access to invaluable networking opportunities with other Chairs and key figures in Government; and the chance to contribute to and benefit from various PCF research projects aimed at supporting Chairs of public bodies in their roles.

For further membership details please visit the PCF's website:

www.publicchairsforum.org.uk

SEVEN MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS FOR YOU AND YOUR ORGANISATION

As a member of the PCF, you will be able to:

- 1 Compare experiences and share problems and best practice in a secure and confidential environment.
- 2 Discuss issues of major significance with peers and with government.
- 3 Meet and establish relationships with other Chairs from across the public sector, whom you may not normally have the opportunity to meet.
- 4 Provide information, advice and guidance to government on the role of public bodies in the delivery and reform of public services.
- 5 Contribute to and benefit from research projects aimed at supporting Chairs of public bodies in their roles.
- 6 Engage with high profile figures from across government, business and the media through our events, networks and research.
- 7 Have access to unique development opportunities for both yourself and members of your board.

Events

Each year, the PCF hosts a series of seminars and events with senior figures.

Adhoc events are also arranged as necessary, in order to be as responsive as possible to the current environment and requirements of our members.

In order to ensure the PCF adds maximum value, existing members are encouraged to get in touch and share their thoughts on useful, topical and interesting ideas for future speakers and events.

All meetings take place in our offices in Carlton Gardens, London.

Please visit our website for more information on our current and past programme of events.



“ By working together through the PCF, Chairs can improve the performance of their own organisations and influence the way public services are developed and delivered for the future. ”

Christopher N. Banks CBE,
Chair, Public Chairs' Forum

“ The PCF is a great network. Being a member brings you into contact not only with other Chairs, but also with members of government and other influential figures who offer insightful perspectives about relevant and topical matters. I would certainly recommend the PCF to Chairs of public bodies who are interested in keeping informed and engaged on the important issues of the day. ”



Stephen Henwood, Chairman of the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority

“ There is no other forum like that provided by the PCF. It's a unique chance to learn about developments which affect all public bodies, to share common concerns, and to discuss emerging issues with a wide range of guest speakers. And the link with the Institute for Government is real added value. ”



Jenny Watson, Chair of the United Kingdom Electoral Commission

“ The PCF has highlighted just how often Chairs of public bodies share similar experiences – even when their roles are in other ways very different. It provides a rich source of advice and offers a great opportunity to share ideas and experiences with others. I have introduced some worthwhile new initiatives as a result of ideas gained at PCF meetings. ”



Caroline Sheppard, Chief Adjudicator at the Traffic Penalty Tribunal