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New Leadership for Jersey Audit Office's Board of Governance

Today, Friday 14 March 2025, two new members join the Board of Governance of the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG).

Following their approval by the States Assembly in December 2024, **Michael Whitehouse OBE** takes up the post of **Chair** and **Cosette Reczek** joins as an **Independent Member**, both for five-year terms.

Michael Whitehouse OBE brings over 35 years of experience in public audit, including as Chief Operating Officer of the UK's National Audit Office. He has worked internationally in audit roles across government, healthcare, and space exploration, and currently serves as Chair of the South East Coast Ambulance NHS Foundation Trust. He was awarded an OBE for services to Parliamentary audit in 2016.

Cosette Reczek, a Chartered Governance Professional, is a board governance expert with extensive experience across financial services and the public sector. She has held independent roles at the Valuation Office Agency, the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea, and Standard Chartered Bank. As founder of Permuto Consulting, Cosette also advises boards on governance, risk, and organisational culture.

They join the two other Independent Members **Robert Tinlin MBE** and **Peter Pichler** on the Board.

Outgoing Chair **Grace Nesbitt OBE** and former Independent Member **Professor Russel Griggs OBE** step down after many years of dedicated service to the Jersey Audit Office.

C&AG Lynn Pamment CBE expressed her gratitude:

"Grace has been an exceptional leader since 2021, and her contribution since joining the Board in 2018 has been invaluable. Russel's expertise and guidance have played a key role in shaping the governance of the Jersey Audit Office. I thank them both for their commitment and long service."

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Incoming Chair Michael Whitehouse OBE emphasised the importance of strong governance and public confidence:

“The Board of Governance plays a crucial role in upholding public trust in the Jersey Audit Office, ensuring accountability and transparency in the use of public funds. As we face new challenges and opportunities in our work with the States of Jersey on behalf of the citizens of the Island, I look forward to working with the Board to oversee the efficient, effective, and proper use of resources by the C&AG and to support the vital work of the Jersey Audit Office.”

The C&AG added:

“The Board’s oversight ensures that the Jersey Audit Office operates efficiently and effectively, safeguarding public confidence in our work. I look forward to engaging with Michael, Cosette, and our continuing Board members to maintain the highest standards of governance.”

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- The Office of Comptroller and Auditor General (‘C&AG’) was established in 2005 and operates under the Comptroller and Auditor General (Jersey) Law 2014
- The remit of the C&AG includes the audit of financial statements, corporate governance, internal control and wider consideration of public funds, often expressed as ‘value for money’
- The 2025 Audit Plan can be found at: www.jerseyauditoffice.je
- Lynn Pamment CBE took up the Office of C&AG on 1 January 2020 for a fixed term of seven years. Following the introduction of the Comptroller and Auditor General (Jersey) Law 2014 the term of office is fixed at seven years and is non-renewable.
- The Office of Comptroller and Auditor General is known as the ‘Jersey Audit Office’.
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