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Oliver Robbins - Permanent Secretary at the Department for Exiting the European Union

As Permanent Secretary, Oliver has responsibility for supporting the department in its negotiations to leave the EU and establishing the future relationship between the UK and EU. Oliver is the Prime Minister's lead Civil Service representative at the negotiations.

Previously, Oliver was the Second Permanent Secretary at the Home Office, where he had responsibility for immigration and free movement policy, and oversight of the borders, immigration and citizenship system.

Having initially joined as a graduate entrant, Oliver has had a long Civil Service career spanning HM Treasury, Downing Street and the main board of an operational agency. From January 2014 to September 2015 he was Director General, Civil Service, leading on Civil Service Reform. Prior to this, he was Deputy National Security Adviser to Prime Minister David Cameron and the UK's National Security Council.



Philip Rycroft - Second Permanent Secretary at the Department for Exiting the European Union

Philip Rycroft was appointed as Second Permanent Secretary at the Department for Exiting the European Union in April 2017.

He was appointed Second Permanent Secretary, Head of UK Governance Group in the Cabinet Office in June 2015, with responsibility for constitutional and devolution issues, and retains this role.

From 2012 to 2015 he was the Director General in the Deputy Prime Minister's Office, supporting the Deputy Prime Minister across the full range of his policy interests. Prior to that, he was Corporate Affairs Director at Hutchison Whampoa (Europe) Ltd.

Previous roles have mainly been in government, including:

- Director General, Innovation and Enterprise and Chief Executive of the Better Regulation Executive in the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills
- Director General, Education in the Scottish Government
- Head of the Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning Department in the Scottish Executive.

Philip also spent time on secondment from government with Scottish & Newcastle plc and in the Cabinet of Vice-President Leon Britton in the European Commission.





Alex Ellis - Director General at the Department for Exiting the European Union

Alex Ellis started as Director General in DExEU in January 2017. His focus is on the EU institutions and member states. Prior to that he was the British Ambassador to Brazil.

Alex has extensive EU experience, mainly in:

- **Brussels** as member of the cabinet of the President of the European Commission, with responsibility for energy, climate change, competition, development, trade and strategy. Before that, he worked in the UK Representation to the EU working successively on the negotiations to establish the euro, the seven year budget, and then institutional issues including the Treaty of Nice. He was also the Whitehall coordinator for the enlargement negotiations which concluded in 2003.
- **Portugal** as British Ambassador (2007-10) and previously on his first posting abroad.

Alex has also been the Director of Strategy in the Foreign Office, and head of the EU and economic issues team in the British Embassy in Madrid. He started his Civil Service career as part of the team supporting the transition to multi-party democracy in South Africa, following the release of Nelson Mandela.





Mark Bowman - Director General, International Finance at HM Treasury

Mark Bowman is Director General, International Finance at HM Treasury with responsibility for advancing the UK's economic and financial interests internationally and in the European Union. He leads HM Treasury's work with foreign finance ministries, central banks and international institutions. He is the UK's Finance Deputy at the G7 and G20, and represents the UK in the EU's Economic and Financial Committee. Mark is also a member of the Treasury's Executive Management Board.

Mark re-joined the Treasury in November 2013 from the Department for International Development (DFID) where he spent two years as Director General, Humanitarian, Security and International Finance. This included oversight of DFID's humanitarian programmes, its work in the Middle East region and relations with the World Bank.

Immediately prior to joining DFID, Mark was Director, Strategy, Planning and Budget at HM Treasury and a member of the Executive Management Board. Mark initially joined the Treasury in 1995 as an economist and has done a number of jobs including Principal Private Secretary to the Chancellor of the Exchequer (2001 to 2004), Director, International Finance (2006 to 2008) and Director, Budget and Tax (2008-10). He started his career as an Overseas Development Institute Fellow working in the Mozambican Ministry of Planning and Finance.





Simon Case - Director General, UK - EU Partnership

Simon Case was appointed Director General for the UK-EU Partnership in May 2017. In support of the Permanent Representative, he leads UKRep's work underpinning preparations for, and delivery of, the negotiations for the UK's exit from the European Union, including establishing a future deep and special partnership with the EU.

Immediately prior to taking up this role he was Principal Private Secretary to the Prime Minister. Simon joined the Civil Service in 2006. His previous roles have included postings with GCHQ, the Northern Ireland Office and the Cabinet Office, where he was Director General of the Implementation Group.

Simon worked in Number 10 between autumn 2012 and July 2014, where he served as Private Secretary and later as Deputy Principal Private Secretary to the Prime Minister.





Glyn Williams - Director General at the Home Office

Glyn Williams is a Director General in the Home Office, responsible for policy in the UK's Border, Immigration and Citizenship System, including the development of a post-EU exit immigration regime.

He has worked on immigration policy since 2010, including the reforms to the legal migration routes for non-EEA nationals, policy in the Immigration Acts 2014 and 2016 and also the negotiations with the EU on reforms to free movement before the referendum. He has also served in the Home Office as Director of Asylum Services and Director of Visa Services. He represents the UK at the European Asylum Support Office.

Glyn started his career with the Department of Trade and Industry (now BEIS) in 1985. He worked in a wide range of posts including trade promotion, completion of the EU Single Market, company law, employment law, energy policy and privatisation of British Steel. He was Private Secretary to the Minister for Trade (Alan Clark) and was posted to Geneva to represent the UK in international trade negotiations in the World Trade Organisation. From 2003-2006 he was director of Export Control in DTI, responsible for the administration of the export licensing regime used to combat the proliferation of conventional weapons and WMD.





Catherine Webb - Director of Market Access and Budget at the Department for Exiting the European Union

Catherine began her Civil Service career in 2000 and held various roles in HM Treasury for 11 years. She then took up the role of Economic and Trade Counsellor at the British Embassy in Beijing, where she led work to strengthen the UK and China's economic relationship.

Catherine returned to the UK in 2015 and was appointed Director, EU Internal Issues at the European and Global Issues Secretariat in the Cabinet Office, before taking on her current role in the Department for Exiting the European Union.





Mark Philip Sedwill - National Security Adviser to the Prime Minister

Mark Philip Sedwill CMG was appointed National Security Adviser to the Prime Minister in April 2017.

Since joining the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in 1989, Mark has held a number of high profile positions, including as Ambassador to Afghanistan in 2009, and as NATO's Senior Civilian Representative in Afghanistan in 2010. He also served as FCO's Political Director in 2012, as the Prime Minister's Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan in 2011.

Most recently, Mark held the position of Permanent Secretary at the Home Office from February 2013 until April 2017.





Sir Tim Barrow - Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the European Union

In January 2017 Sir Tim was appointed the UK's Permanent Representative to the European Union.

Sir Tim has had a 30-year diplomatic career. He previously served as the UK's Ambassador to Moscow and before that he worked at the UK Representation to the EU (UKRep) as UK Representative to the Political and Security Committee of the EU from 2008 to 2011. His earlier EU experience includes spells as an Assistant Director in the Europe Directorate and a First Secretary in UKRep.

