



Advert - Chair

Background – Commonwealth Games England

Commonwealth Games England (CGE) is looking to appoint a new Chair, to take up the position when Ian Metcalfe's term ends in September 2022. We anticipate the successful candidate joining the board as a Non-Executive Director and Chair Designate in summer 2021. It is an exciting time to be joining the Board as they make their final preparations for the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham in 2022.

CGE is responsible for preparing and delivering Team England at the Commonwealth Games and Commonwealth Youth Games. Their core purpose is to lead and manage the participation of Team England delivering excellent performance and support environments. CGE also aim to represent England effectively within the Commonwealth Games Federation, and to raise the profile and reinforce the value, reputation and future of this great sporting event.

Opportunity

The Chair will provide strategic leadership to the Board and support the Chief Executive Officer in delivering the strategy.

The Chair will lead the Board to ensure:

- That Commonwealth Games England has a clear vision, strategic direction and objectives to 2026 and beyond and is focused on achieving these;
- That Commonwealth Games England has a strong and sustainable commercial programme with top level partners and sponsors;
- That Commonwealth Games England is excellent at managing stakeholders, particularly those in Government, The Commonwealth Games Federation, Sport England, UK Sport and the National Governing Bodies of Sport;
- The Board focuses on independence, corporate governance and performance, financial sustainability and meeting its corporate aims and objectives.

The responsibilities of the Chair will include:

- Formally chairing and facilitating Board meetings and attending committee meetings as agreed including chairing the Remuneration, Nominations and Corporate Governance Committees;
- Supporting and holding the Chief Executive Officer to account for the overall performance and delivery of Commonwealth Games England's plans.

- Ensuring Board members have clear roles and responsibilities and to focus on the development of the Board, ensuring that the performance of individuals, the Board as a whole and its committees, is evaluated at least annually.

CGE is proud to have a truly diverse board with an equal gender split and strong BAME representation. The Board is supported by a number of committees including Audit and Finance, Commercial and Communications, Sport and the Remuneration, Nominations and Corporate Governance Committee.

For the first year as a Chair Designate, CGE would expect a time commitment of around 1-2 days per month, with a greater amount of time spent attending much of the Birmingham 2022 Games, which takes place from 28th July to 8th August 2022. Once confirmed in the Chair role, the time commitment is likely to be nearer an average of 4 days per month to include attendance at Board meetings and committee meetings as required and other activities relevant to Commonwealth Games England such as meetings with stakeholders.

The Individual

Skills and experience:

- Senior management experience in a corporate, commercial, charity or public sector organisation, ideally within a multi-cultural stakeholder environment;
- Board level experience, ideally as Chair but certainly at senior Executive or Non-Executive Director level;
- Knowledge of the sporting landscape (political, Sport England, UK Sport, CGF etc.) and a substantial interest in sport;
- Experience of working with multiple stakeholders including Government;
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills to engage a wide range of stakeholders;
- Advocacy and ambassadorial skills to represent Commonwealth Games England nationally and internationally;

How to apply:

The preferred method of application is online at:

www.odgers.com/81288

All applications will receive an automated response and copy of the full candidate brief.

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