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Charity Commission**

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1 Background to today's session

Introduction

1. On 2 December 2021, the Government informed us that its preferred candidate for the role of Chair of the Charity Commission was Martin Thomas.¹ The post of Chair of the Charity Commission is one of those listed as subject to the agreed pre-appointment hearing process. We held a pre-appointment hearing for Mr Thomas on December 2021 and approved his appointment on the basis of the evidence presented.²
2. Mr Thomas resigned on 17 December, ten days before his formal start date, after newspaper reports of complaints of inappropriate behaviour in a previous role as Chair of a charity.³ We questioned the permanent secretary of DCMS and the Commissioner of Public Appointments about the processes in DCMS regarding public appointments⁴ and the Commissioner, later, published a Report of his investigation into the failed appointment.⁵
3. On 8 March, the Government announced that, rather than re-run the competition, it would appoint Orlando Fraser from the same competition that had delivered Martin Thomas.⁶ We held a pre-appointment hearing for Mr Fraser on 24 March 2022. We thank him for his evidence, which is published on our website.
4. The usual detail of the role, person specifications and competition detail that would normally be in this kind of Report is identical to that published in our Sixth Report of Session 2021–22.⁷

1 DCMS press notice, [Government names preferred candidate for Charity Commission Chair](#), 2 December 2021

2 Sixth Report of the Committee in Session 2021–22, [Pre-appointment hearing for the Chair of the Charity Commission](#), 10 December 2021

3 For example, Guardian, [New chair of charities watchdog resigns over ‘inappropriate’ behaviour](#), 17 December 2022

4 Oral evidence, DCMS Select Committee, [Work of the Commissioner for Public Appointments](#), 11 January 2022

5 Investigation of the Commissioner for Public Appointments, [Charity Commission](#), March 2022

6 DCMS press notice, [Government names preferred candidate for Charity Commission Chair](#), 8 March 2022

7 Sixth Report of the Committee in Session 2021–22, [Pre-appointment hearing for the Chair of the Charity Commission](#), 10 December 2021

2 The candidate

Biographical information

5. Orlando Fraser is the Government's preferred candidate for the Chair of the Charity Commission. He has almost 28 years of experience working as a barrister, 8 years of which he served as a QC. He was a legal member of the board of the Charity Commission between 2013 and 2017. Mr Fraser has some experience of charitable work but most of that is on the policy side rather than fundamental operational experience of running charities and the challenges they face.

6. Mr Fraser does have a political history, standing as a candidate for the Conservative Party in 2005 and when his candidacy was announced by the Government, he had his own accusations of inappropriate language.⁸

Our evidence

7. In our oral evidence, we asked Orlando Fraser about the following specific matters:

- The pre-appointment process
- The need for political independence
- His priorities for the Charity Commission
- The role of the Commission in holding charities to account.

Conclusion

8. In concluding on the appointment of Martin Thomas we had no idea that we would be repeating the process less than four months later due to what we would consider failures of due diligence on the part of the Department, even if the Commissioner for Public Appointments does not share our concern. We will return to this issue later in the Parliament.

9. Regarding this candidate, we recognise that Orlando Fraser has qualifications and experience that could make him suitable for this role. During the hearing he responded reasonably well to our concerns about his ability to remain independent and demonstrated his respect for the charity sector. We have no grounds for concern about Mr Fraser as an individual.

10. However, we do have serious concerns about the process that led to Mr Fraser's selection. Like a number of recent public appointments by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, the process for appointing the new Chair of the Charity Commission had been drawn out and subject to allegations of political interference. We are surprised that even after the resignation of Martin Thomas the Department did not learn from their mistakes and re-run the application.

11. The Department reported to us that the shortlist of interviewed candidates contained one woman and one candidate from a BAME background and we noted the Minister's disappointment about the lack of diversity. Despite these protestations, their resulting candidate, while likely competent, represents yet another archetypal and unimaginative choice from this limited shortlist. We see this as demonstrative of the Department's lack of care, attention, and commitment to quality in this important public appointment. As a result, we recognise Mr Fraser's potential to do the job but do not formally endorse his selection as Chair of the Charity Commission.

12. We recommend that the Government looks again at the process of pre-appointments to restore some of the trust and respect for process that seem to have been lost. We recommend the restoration of powers to the Appointment Commissioner that were removed after the Grimstone Review of 2016 and for greater Ministerial discipline in removing themselves from public speculation about candidates prior to their role in selecting a preferred candidate.

Appendix 1: CV

ORLANDO FRASER QC

Curriculum Vitae

March 2022

Main Professional Work:

Barrister – 4 Stone Buildings, Lincolns Inn – 1994–2021

Appointed QC in April 2014. Over 27 years practising at the Chancery and Commercial Bar in England and Wales. Numerous reported cases. Recommended by Chambers and Partners, Legal 500, and Who's Who Legal, trade directories.

Professional Bodies – member of the Bar Council, and of the Chancery and Commercial Bar Associations.

Prior to 1994, worked for GEC in Coventry factory, and Paris.

Public Appointments

Queen's Counsel – April 2014 - Appointed by the Lord Chancellor – see above.

Charity Commission of England & Wales – July 2013 – December 2017

Appointed by the Minister of State for the Cabinet Office as one of two Legal Members of the Board of the Charity Commission for England & Wales in July 2013. Appointment renewed in July 2016. Jointly responsible for strategic oversight of the Commission's legal department, as well as being Chair of the Board's Policy and Guidance Committee, and its Governance and Remuneration Committee.

Civil Justice Council – July 2016 – July 2019

Appointed by the Lord Chancellor as the Barrister representative to the Civil Justice Council ("CJC") in July 2016. CJC is responsible for overseeing and co-ordinating the modernisation of the civil justice system. It is chaired by the Master of the Rolls.

Main voluntary work

Bosnia Winter Appeal – 1992

Chairman and founder of charitable appeal assisting Muslims in Yugoslavia's civil war, acquiring and distributing 160 tonnes of food/medical supplies to North East Bosnia.

Westside Housing Management Committee – 2001–2003

Member of the Management Committee of this frontline social housing operator in West London, managing 80 refuge places for women victims of domestic abuse, drug and alcohol abusers, HIV-carriers, and the homeless. Also raised approximately £20,000.

Governor of Ilfracombe Community College – 2003–2006

Governor of Ilfracombe Community College, a media arts-specialising secondary school.

Centre of Social Justice, London – 2005–2010

Founding Fellow. Chairman of Voluntary Sector Working Group on Rt Hon Iain Duncan Smith's Social Justice Commission reports: "Breakdown Britain" and "Breakthrough Britain" - policy suggestions on Govt support for voluntary sector in UK fight vs poverty.

NCVO Advisory Council – 2008–2014

Member of policy advice forum for the National Council of Voluntary Organisations.

Grenfell Tower – Summer 2017

Volunteered with local charity Rugby Portobello Trust to help Grenfell Tower survivors in the weeks immediately after the tragedy. Involved purchasing and distribution of clothing, obtaining and distribution of IT donations, and liaising with Charity Commission about Grenfell grassroots charities' regulatory issues.

Political

Conservative Parliamentary Candidate – 2005

Parliamentary Candidate for the Conservative Party in the 2005 General Election in North Devon.

Voluntary Sector ideas contributor to Conservative policy development - 2009

Advised on development of some voluntary sector ideas for the shadow Civil Society team.

Publications:

2006, and 2007 – Editor on chapters on Voluntary Sector in *Breakdown Britain*, and *Breakthrough Britain* – published by the Centre of Social Justice.

2021 – Contributing author to "Remote Hearing" chapter w/i 4SB publication "*Litigation in a Time of Covid-19*".

Appendix 2: Questionnaire for pre-appointment committee hearing

Motivation

1) What motivated you to apply for this role, and what specific experiences would you bring to it?

I have been committed to the success of our world-class charity sector for much of my life, and I know from experience that the Charity Commission is integral to that success. I was motivated to apply for the role of being its Chair both because it was therefore an opportunity to lead an organisation that I admired and believed was doing an important task, and also because I believed that I had the experience and personal abilities to do a good job of it.

I would bring my experience as a Board member of the Charity Commission between 2013–2017, my experience as a QC, and my prior involvement in the voluntary sector.

2) If appointed, are there specific areas within your new responsibilities where you will need to acquire new skills or knowledge?

I will need to update my previous knowledge of the internal workings of the Charity Commission.

3) How were you recruited? Were you encouraged to apply, and if so, by whom?

I saw a piece in Third Sector magazine that the application process was open, and, with the encouragement of my wife Clemmie, I subsequently applied.

Personal Background

4) Do you currently or potentially have any business, financial or other non-pecuniary interests or commitments, that might give rise to the perception of a conflict of interest if you are appointed? How do you intend to resolve any potential conflicts of interests if you are appointed?

I support, or am a member of, a number of charities, and I would declare that if that was in any way material to any decision-making on my part at the Commission.

5) If appointed, what professional or voluntary work commitments will you continue to undertake, or do you intend to take on, alongside your new role? How will you reconcile these with your new role?

I would continue with my QC practice in a scaled-down fashion, to reflect that I would be committed to working half the week as Chair of the Charity Commission. I would also avoid taking on any legal work which may reasonably be seen as causing a conflict with my role as Chair. I would not take on any formal governance position in a charity.

6) Have you ever held any post or undertaken any activity that might cast doubt on your political impartiality? If so, how will you demonstrate your political impartiality in the role if appointed?

The activities relevant to this question were my position, nearly 17 years ago, as a Conservative Party General Election candidate in 2005, and my brief role in 2009 advising the Conservative party shadow civil society team on some voluntary sector issues. Both however were a very long time ago now, and should not cause reasonable-minded observers serious doubt over my impartiality now in 2022.

To underline this, I was already considered sufficiently politically impartial to be appointed to the Board of the Charity Commission back in 2013, and during the nearly 5 years I served on the Board, we were never criticised for politically partial decision-making, but were instead commended by the National Audit Office in 2017 for our work in improving the effectiveness of the Commission. If appointed as Chair in 2022, I would once again act with the same political impartiality as between 2013–2017.

7) Do you intend to serve your full term of office?

Yes, very much so - if appointed.

The Charity Commission

8) If appointed what will be your main priorities on taking up the role?

My main overall priority will be to ensure that we have a Commission that is seen as fair, balanced, and independent.

Specific immediate priorities will be getting to know the Board (and incoming Board members), getting to know the SMT, and visiting all the CC staff at all CC properties.

In the short term, I would wish the Board and SMT particularly to focus on how the Commission can best continue to help the sector in its pandemic recovery work, and help in the Ukraine crisis.

Thereafter, a main priority will be to work with the Board and the SMT to prepare the CC's next 5-year strategy, and also review the CC's current funding settlement to assess whether it is suitable to help deliver on that strategy, and if not, what action needs to be taken in that regard.

9) What criteria should the Committee use to judge the Charity Commission's performance over your term of office?

As a main purpose of the Commission is to increase public trust and confidence in the charitable sector, I think one of the most important criteria should be the state of the tracker of public confidence in the sector.

In addition to that, I think the Commission should also be judged on its established operational metrics – for example, the frequency of use of its legal powers, its success in Court, the time taken to process charity registration applications, and the amount of queries dealt through its call centre.

Further, I think the Commission's engagement with Parliamentarians is important, and a metric based on the operational efficiency of that engagement would be helpful.

10) How will you protect and enhance your personal independence and the institutional independence of the Charity Commission from the Government/ministers?

I am a reasonably robust individual with a long track record of independent work at the Bar, and I am confident that I have the personal qualities to ensure that the Commission remains independent from Government - as indeed I made clear that I would do in the interview process.

As for the Commission itself, my experience in 2013–2017 was that a culture of independence from Government was deeply embedded at all levels, and indeed taken much pride in. After all, the Commission is an enforcer of charity law, and a key part of charity law at s13 (4) of the Charities Act is that the Charity Commission must be independent of Government control. I should add that my experience then was that all relevant Government officials were quite aware of this themselves, and I rarely experienced any issues in this regard. However, this was in the past, and whilst I have been assured in my interview process that the Government will continue to respect the independence of the Commission, I will aim to ensure that the Commission's upcoming review of governance will assess whether any further work needs to be done in as regards independent attitudes within the Commission itself.

11) How do you assess the public profile and reputation of the Charity Commission?

Objectively, the Charity Commission's public profile and reputation is assessed by the Commission's expert annual surveys. Public awareness is quite high for a public body at 54%, although the lower 35% figure for public understanding of its work may need attention.

My own personal assessment is that the Commission remains a widely-respected expert regulator of the charity sector, and I aim to ensure that it remains that way.

12) What risks do you think the Charity Commission will face over your term of office? How do you intend to manage them?

I think it is likely that increasing numbers of charities will be at financial risk from a combination of the coronavirus pandemic, the costs of living crisis, and future economic shocks caused by the Ukraine crisis, which may lead to increased regulatory demands on the Commission. I would intend to initiate pro-active Board-level attention to this issue, so that the Commission is increasingly prepared for this eventuality.

It is also likely that the Commission will continue to be dragged into polarising political issues, and I would intend to manage that by aiming to ensure that the Commission confines itself simply to applying the law, without fear or favour to any entity, as you would hope and expect a regulator to do.

As regards the Charity Commission itself, it has relatively few staff to regulate an enormous and diverse sector, and does very well with its limited resources in doing so. It accordingly needs to recruit amongst the brightest and best to fulfil its responsibilities, as well as remain ahead on the key risk-based technology curve. Both of these important areas are however particularly vulnerable to funding issues (especially the pandemic/cost of living crisis for the former), which are unlikely to get better in view of the current economic shocks going through the world system. I would intend to manage this risk through the funding review mentioned above, and through continued work to ensure that the Commission is as efficient and effective as possible with the funds it has.

Appendix 3: Information sheet

Box 1. Providing information to select committees

Information about the preferred candidate

- Name of the preferred candidate

ORLANDO FRASER

- Their current CV (sent as a separate document)
- Declaration of relevant interests made by the candidate:

Mr Fraser declared on his returned 'Declaration of conflict of interest form' at point of application:

I currently provide support for (or am a member of) a number of UK charities, including the Longford Trust, Rugby Portobello Trust, St Mungo's, Cancer Research UK, Royal National Lifeboat Institution, Ebony Horse Club, National Trust, Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

There are no charities that he is a board member/Chair of that he will need to step down from.

- Declaration of relevant political activity made by the candidate required under paragraph 9.2 of the Governance Code on Public Appointments:

As per the paragraph 9.2 of the Governance Code, political activity should not affect any judgement of merit nor be a bar to appointment. Any reportable donations are publicly available on the Electoral Commission website.

Orlando has not declared any political activity or made any donations in the last 5 years.

- Proposed terms of appointment and remuneration (if any)

The remuneration for this role is £62,500 per annum, for a time commitment of up to two and a half days per week.

Further information on the Charity Commission, the role, the process and the candidate can be found below. Also attached at Annex B is the CO's proforma.

Background: the Charity Commission and the role of the Chair

Overview

The Charity Commission is the independent registrar and regulator of charities in England and Wales. Its role is to register and regulate the charities in England and Wales, and to ensure that the public can support charities with confidence. It regulates over 168,000 registered charities and £81.2 billion of charitable income. A non-Ministerial Department, it is based across four sites, employing approximately 420 staff and in 2019/20 had a budget of £29.3 Million. Its current Strategic Plan comes to an end in 2023.

The Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport wishes to appoint a new Chair to the Charity Commission for England and Wales. This is a public appointment and will be conducted in compliance with the Cabinet Office's Governance Code on Public Appointments and under the principles of merit, fairness and openness.

The successful candidate will be required to attend a pre-appointment hearing before the Digital, Culture, Media and Sports Select Committee. The proposed date for pre-appointment hearing for this role will be confirmed as soon as possible after the launch of this campaign.

The role

The appointment is for a term of up to three years. The role is for two and a half days per week, remunerated at £62,500 per annum. No pension is payable for the appointment.

Most of the Chair's work will be based at the Charity Commission's London office (remotely at present). The successful candidate will be expected to undertake some travel in connection with the role, for which reasonable expenses will be paid (in line with the Charity Commission's policies).

Role specification

The Charity Commission's Board is ultimately responsible for all that the Commission does. In order for the Commission to discharge its responsibilities appropriately and effectively, day-to-day and operational management is delegated to the Chief Executive.

The Chair of the Board is responsible for leading the board in:

- ensuring the Commission:
 - effectively fulfils its statutory objectives, general functions and duties and appropriately exercises its legal powers
 - is accountable to Parliament, the courts, and the general public
 - delivers its services within its funding agreement
- setting the Commission's strategic priorities and direction of policy over the next three years;
- supporting the Commission in securing the resources it needs to effectively and efficiently discharge its functions and duties;
- regulating independently, proportionately and impartially and acting in good faith and in the corporate interest;
- maintaining and developing strong relationships with government, Parliament, sector bodies and other major stakeholders and key influencers;
- supporting and managing the Chief Executive, including agreeing objectives and undertaking an annual appraisal;
- along with the Chief Executive, communicating the Commission's role to stakeholders including the public, charities and their users, the Government and Commission staff;
- ensuring that the Board and its members observe the highest standards of propriety and operate in accordance with the Commission's Governance Framework and the Nolan principles of standards in public life.

The Commission's Governance [Framework](#) sets out in detail the respective roles and responsibilities of the Commission, Board, Chair and the Executive.

Person Specification

The successful candidate must be able to demonstrate the majority of the following essential criteria:

- the ability to be an accessible and engaging ambassador for the organisation, and have the ability to influence high level stakeholders within government and Parliament, the media, the charity sector and the business world;
- the ability and skills to lead a board and make strategic decisions within a high profile organisation operating within a complex external landscape;
- a commitment to the charity sector's effective, independent, proportionate, and impartial regulation;
- a strong commitment to ensuring charities remain focused on delivering their core charitable purposes and ensuring that trustees understand their legal duties, including on campaigning and political activity;
- the ability to, and past experience of, providing a high quality service and delivering value for money for the taxpayer and/or shareholders;
- an understanding of and interest in the charity sector, including an awareness of the multifaceted challenges it faces resulting from changing social and economic circumstances;
- the ability to build and recruit a high-performing Board and support the organisation through a period of significant change;
- A strong commitment to diversity, inclusion and providing opportunities for all.

About the recruitment process

- There were a total of 37 applicants for the role, of which 36 completed the diversity monitoring form. From the 36 who completed the form:
 - 9/36 (25%) applicants identified as female;
 - 6/36 (17%) applicants identified as BAME; and,
 - 1/36 (3%) applicant declared a disability.
- The field of eight applicants selected for interview includes one female candidate (12.5%). There is one candidate from a declared BAME background (12.5%) and none who declared a disability (0%). To note, one candidate withdrew their application prior to interview and therefore only seven candidates were interviewed. Aggregated diversity data was shared with the Panel but, as is standard practice across appointments, diversity data for individual candidates was not made available to the Advisory Assessment Panel.

- DCMS Ministers expressed disappointment about the lack of diversity of the shortlist (female, BAME and disability); however, the Panel were content that the shortlist included a number of individuals with a broad range of relevant experience and expertise (i.e. strong in diversity of skills).
- The Advisory Assessment Panel (AAP) comprised:
 - Ruth Hannant (Chair, 13th September interviews) and Polly Payne (Chair, 24th September interviews);
 - Fionnuala Jay-O’Boyle (Senior Independent Panel Member);
 - John Booth (Independent Panel Member); and,
 - Mike Ashley (Other Panel Member).
- The interviews were held over Google Meet on Monday 13th and Friday 24th September. Following the interviews, the panel assessed that all seven candidates interviewed were appointable to this role.
- Martin Thomas was announced as the government’s preferred candidate on 2nd December 2021 and attended a pre appointment Select Committee Hearing on 9th December 2021.
- The Secretary of State accepted Martin Thomas’s resignation on 17th December 2021.
- In line with Section 7.7 of the Governance Code for Public Appointments which allows Ministers to select another appointable candidate if the role specification is the same, and the vacancy arises within 12 months, Ministers chose Orlando Fraser as the government’s preferred candidate for the role and this was announced on 8th March.
- Appointments to the Board of the Charity Commission are made under the Charities Act 2011. This provides that there shall be a person appointed by the Secretary of State to Chair the Commission.
- This appointments campaign was administered directly by the Public Appointments team at DCMS. The interview process was undertaken in accordance with the Governance Code and with the Principles of Public Appointments.

About the candidate

- **Orlando Fraser**

Orlando Fraser has been a commercial barrister for nearly 30 years, practising at 4 Stone Buildings. He was appointed Queen’s Counsel in 2014. Previously he served on the board of the Charity Commission from 2013 to 2017, where he acted as one of two statutory legal members and Chaired the Governance & Remuneration Committee as well as the Policy & Guidance Committee. Orlando has also served on the Civil Justice Council and the National Council for Voluntary Organisations’ Advisory Council.

Orlando's involvement in the voluntary sector stretches back to 1992, when he took an aid convoy to Bosnia to help its Muslim population. Since then he has served on the Management Committee of a West London refuge for women victims of domestic abuse, served as a Governor of Ilfracombe College, edited the voluntary sector sections of Centre of Social Justice's "Breakdown Britain" and "Breakthrough Britain" reports, and supported the Rugby Portobello Trust charity through the 2017 Grenfell tragedy. Apart from the Rugby Portobello Trust, Orlando supports a number of other charities.

Annex B: Proforma for departments to provide campaign information to select committees

Campaign Launch Date	9th March 2021
Campaign Closing Date	16th April 2021
Reason for any changes in timetable to that originally published	There were changes to the published interview dates, which were moved back to post recess. Candidates were kept informed throughout.
Advertising strategy	The Public Appointments team advertised the role on the Cabinet Office Centre for Public Appointments website, DCMS's LinkedIn and Twitter accounts, Evenbreak (an accessible disability job board), Women on Boards and NED on Board. The role was shared and promoted via a variety of additional channels with a focus on diversity including Women in Banking and Finance, the Black Business Association, and the Association of Third Sector Chairs.
Advisory Assessment Panel	• Polly Payne and Ruth Hannant (DCMS Panel Chair) • Fionnuala Jay-O'Boyle (Senior Independent Panel Member) • John Booth (Independent Panel Member) • Mike Ashley (Other Panel Member)
Number of applicants	There were a total of 37 applicants for the role
Number of candidates invited to interview	Eight candidates were invited to interview but one withdrew just ahead of interview.
Number of candidates found appointable	Seven candidates were found appointable.

Formal minutes

Tuesday 29 March 2022

Members present:

Julian Knight, in the Chair

Kevin Brennan

Steve Brine

Clive Efford

Julie Elliott

Rt Hon Damian Green

Dr Rupa Huq

Simon Jupp

Jane Stevenson

Giles Watling

Draft Report (*Another pre-appointment hearing for Chair of the Charity Commission*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

Ordered, That the draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraphs 1 to 12 read and agreed to.

The Candidate's CV and supporting documents were appended to the Report as Appendices.

Resolved, That the Report be the Tenth Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

Ordered, That embargoed copies of the Report be made available, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No.134.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 31 March 2022 at 9.30 am.

Witnesses

The following witnesses gave evidence. Transcripts can be viewed on the [inquiry publications page](#) of the Committee's website.

Thursday 24 March 2022

Orlando Fraser, Government's preferred candidate for Chair of the Charity Commission

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All publications from the Committee are available on the [publications page](#) of the Committee's website.

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Number	Title	Reference
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2nd Special Report	The Covid-19 crisis and charities: Government Response to the Committee's First Report of Session 2019–21	HC 438
3rd Special Report	Impact of Covid-19 on DCMS sectors: First Report: Government Response to Committee's Third Report of Session 2019–21	HC 885
4th Special Report	Misinformation in the COVID-19 Infodemic: Government Response to the Committee's Second Report	HC 894