

Andy Haldane appointed as Chair of Levelling Up Advisory Council



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Former Bank of England Chief Economist and Head of the Levelling Up Taskforce, Andy Haldane has today (27 June 2022) been appointed as the Chair of the government's Levelling Up Advisory Council.

The Levelling Up Advisory Council will provide independent specialist advice on matters relating to the design and delivery of the levelling up missions.

Andy Haldane is currently the Chief Executive of the Royal Society of Arts and brings a wealth of experience to the role, including his career at the Bank of England, including as a member of the Monetary Policy Committee, and as Chair of the Industrial Strategy Council. His depth and breadth of his expertise will help the advisory council become a powerful platform to provide insightful, challenging advice to government.

Levelling Up Secretary Rt Hon. Michael Gove MP said:

For Levelling Up to succeed we need scrutiny, challenge and transparency to ensure we deliver on our missions to spread opportunity and prosperity to every corner of the country.

I am delighted Andy Haldane has agreed to chair the Levelling Up Advisory Council. His vision and experience were crucial to putting missions at the heart of the Levelling Up White Paper and as Chair I know he will continue to drive forward this vital work.

Commenting on his appointment Andy Haldane said:

Levelling up is one of the signature economic and social

challenges of our time, a challenge made all that much greater by the cost of living crisis. So I am delighted to be chairing the government's Levelling Up Advisory Council, with its deep pool of expertise and experience, to serve as challenge and support for the government on this crucial initiative as it is delivered on the ground, and revivifies the lives of people, right across the UK.

Further information

Earlier this year the government announced in the Levelling Up White Paper the appointment of a Levelling Up Advisory Council to act as a critical friend to the government on the Levelling Up agenda.

The council is formed of recognised independent specialists, drawn from industry, academia and the voluntary sector. The names of the other members of the council were published in the Levelling Up White Paper.

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