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## **Janet Gaymer appointed Patron of CWN**

Janet Gaymer CBE, the Commissioner for Public Appointments, has been appointed as the first patron of City Women's Network (CWN), a long-established network for senior business women.

As patron she will support CWN's mission to address the issues facing today's senior business women and contribute to the future development of the network. Mrs Gaymer's appointment was announced to CWN members last week.

Mrs Gaymer said: "I look forward to working closely with CWN. As a member, I know how valuable this long standing network is and I am familiar with its excellent events and supportive quality. It is vibrant and growing."

Nicola Stevens, President of CWN said: "Looking for innovative thinking, experience and independence as well as success in the business world and a public profile, Janet Gaymer's name repeatedly came up during our internal and external consultation. She meets all our testing criteria for this appointment and more. We are delighted that she has agreed to be our first patron."

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## **NOTES TO EDITORS**

### **1. City Women's Network**

- City Women's Network is a voluntary network for senior business and professional women.
- CWN was launched in 1978 in the City of London by a small group of businesswomen as the answer to 'Boys' Clubs'.
- It champions gender diversity, working closely with international networks to increase the profile of women in the boardroom (including non executive directors and public appointments) and elsewhere.
- Members were originally mostly from the finance and legal professions; they now come from a wide range of sectors.
- CWN provides enjoyable networking opportunities as well as a series of career management and leadership development seminars.
- CWN's mission is to promote the formation of business, professional and social relationships, build members' skills and competencies and highlight the contribution of women in business.
- Media enquiries about CWN should go to Clare Dobie, Vice President. Telephone: 01376 510057.

**2.** Janet Gaymer CBE is the Commissioner for Public Appointments. As Commissioner she regulates appointments made by Ministers to public bodies such as the BBC and NHS Trusts to ensure that they are fair, open and made on merit. Previously she was senior partner at Simmons and Simmons, a top international law firm.

**3.** More information about the Office of the Commissioner for Public Appointments is available at [www.ocpa.gov.uk](http://www.ocpa.gov.uk).

**4.** Media enquiries about the work of the Commissioner should go to Maggie O'Boyle on 07880 740627.

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