

## News release

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## Appointment of Chairman of Bank of England Property Forum

Christopher Bartram MA, FRICS has been appointed chairman of the Bank of England Property Forum in succession to Clive Lewis, FRICS, who is retiring. Mr Lewis has chaired the Forum since 1994.

## **Notes to Editors**

- 1. The Bank of England Property Forum was established in 1993. Its purpose is "to improve the Bank's understanding of financial developments in the UK commercial property sector beyond that which is obtainable solely from standard published sources, and to assist its interpretation of price, investment and other macroeconomic data relating to the sector". It is composed of representatives of property market trade associations, and meets four times a year. It includes observers from government departments and the Financial Services Authority.
- Christopher Bartram has been chief executive officer of Haslemere NV since 1999, and has been managing director of Haslemere Estates Management Limited since 1995. Previously, he was managing partner of Jones Lang Wootton (1991-94). He was the president of the British Property Federation in 2000.
- 3. Clive Lewis was appointed as the first external chairman of the Property Forum in 1994. He has spent his career in the surveying profession, establishing his own practice in 1962, and retired from Colliers Erdman Lewis in 1996. He was Deputy Chairman of the Merseyside Development Corporation from 1988 to 1998, and was President of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors in 1993-94.