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EDUCATION:

1964–1971 Wath-upon-Deerne Grammar School, Rotherham, South Yorkshire

1971–1974 University of York, BA (Hons) 2(i) Chemistry

CAREER HISTORY:

ICI (1974–1993)

Joined ICI's commercial graduate scheme in 1974. Worked at ICI Wilton on Teesside, ICI Advanced Materials at Welwyn Garden City, and ICI Films. Moved to Lancashire in 1989 as Manager Director of EVC Compounds Ltd, a joint venture between ICI and ENI of Italy.

Baxi Group Limited (1993-2008)

Joined Baxi in 1993 becoming Chief Executive in 1994, Deputy Chairman 2000-2004 and Chairman of Baxi Technologies 2004-2008. Baxi is a leading European manufacturer of domestic heating products with manufacturing operations throughout Europe.

Northwest Regional Development Agency (2002-2009)

In 2002 became Chairman of the NWDA, responsible for economic development. Lead responsibility for all RDAs on energy and climate change. Major achievements include: BBC relocation to Manchester; creation of University of Cumbria; regeneration across region; business support; tourism policy; climate change policy; Liverpool European Capital of Culture.

Peel Media Limited, Executive Chairman (2008- 2011)

Peel Media is the subsidiary of Peel Holdings responsible for MediaCity UK. Home to BBC North. An investment of £500 million creating 15,000 jobs. Retired in April 2011 following the successful completion of the first phase of MediaCityUK including long term agreements with the BBC and ITV and the creation of a joint venture to run the TV Studios.

CURRENT ROLES:

1. Westmorland Limited, Chairman (2005-)

Westmorland is a family owned business which operates the UK's favourite motorway services on the M6 at Tebay together with related businesses.

2. University of Lancaster (Pro Chancellor 2003-)

Chairman of Council for this leading research university.

3. National Museums Liverpool (Trustee 2004-)

The largest collection of museums outside London with over 1.5million visitors.

4. **Lake District National Park Authority (2006-)**
Member appointed by Secretary of State.
5. **Lowther Castle & Gardens Trust (Chair, 2007-)**
Promoting the opening of Lowther Castle and Gardens in Cumbria.
6. **Churches Trust for Cumbria (Chair, 2008-)**
Supporting faith communities.
7. **Cumbria County History Trust, Chairman (2010-)**
Charity established to create Victoria County History for Cumbria.
8. **National Railway Museum, Member Advisory Board (2011-)**

PREVIOUS ROLES:

Preston North End FC (Chairman, 1994-2001). Responsible for AIM flotation, stadium development and promotion from Third Division to First Division.

The National Football Museum (Founder Chairman, 1995-2001).

CBI (Chairman, North West Region 2000-02). Served on Regional Council (1994-2003)

University of Central Lancashire. Member of Board (1999-2002)

Energetix Group plc. Non Executive director of AIM listed company (2006-08)

Society of British Gas Industries (President, 2000-01). Industry turnover £17 billion.

Micropower Council (Vice President 2004-2008). Promoting the development of renewable energy and microgeneration.

United Utilities Water Plc, Non Executive Director (2008). Appointed April 08 but stood down in December when asked to continue at NWDA.

Learning and Skills Council (2004-2009)

Member of National Council ; Chair of Audit Committee (2004-2008), turnover £12billion.

Liverpool Culture Company (Director 2003-2009; Chairman 2007-2009)

The organisation responsible for delivering the European Capital of Culture in Liverpool in 2008.

Urban Splash Hotels, Chairman (2006-2009)

Carlisle Renaissance, Chairman (2008-2010)

OTHER INFORMATION

Born 1953, married with three sons. MBE for services to regeneration in Preston; CBE for services to regeneration in the North West; High Sheriff of Lancashire, 2003-04; Deputy Lieutenant of Lancashire.

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