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## **ALASTAIR MCKAY APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF THE LONDON RETAIL CONSORTIUM**

Alastair McKay, Director of Corporate Responsibility at John Lewis Partnership, has been named as the next chairman of the LRC. He succeeds Luke Mayhew, who has chaired the LRC since April 2004.

Alastair joined John Lewis Partnership in 1990 after a long career with the Royal Air Force. His roles at JLP included Merchandise Manager and Assistant General Manager, John Lewis Oxford Street, and in 1991 he became Director of Selling for Waitrose. In 2000 he moved from that position to become Partners` Counsellor and in September 2004 he became Director of Corporate Responsibility. He has been a member of the Partnership Board since 2000.

LRC Chairman, Alastair McKay, said: "The LRC plays a crucial role in providing a single voice for retailers, large and small, in London - not only the iconic shopping destinations of the West end and central London, but of *all* London retailers within the M25."

"I am very excited about my new role as LRC chairman. Many challenges lie ahead for retailers in London which have the capacity to add to the burden of excessive regulation and costs already facing shop owners. I feel my experience in retail and knowledge of London issues offers exactly the right blend of skills needed to help the LRC ensure London remains a world class shopping destination."

"I would also like to thank Luke Mayhew for the invaluable contribution he has made to the LRC during his term as Chairman."

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