

CCS appoints a new Chief Executive Officer

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Following an external competition that launched in January, Sam Ulyatt has been appointed as the new Chief Executive of the Crown Commercial Service when Simon Tse retires in the summer.

Sam will be known to many at CCS from her prior time as Commercial Director for Buildings, before she left to join Home Office as Chief Commercial Officer in July 2020. During her time at the Home Office, she has led on the many commercial and operational challenges they have faced.

Sam is based in the North West and will start at CCS on 8th July to allow a handover period with Simon before he retires.

Peter George, Chair of CCS's Board, says: "I am pleased that Sam will be joining us as CEO and I look forward to working with her, the Board and the Executive team. Welcome back to CCS Sam."

Cabinet Office Permanent Secretary, Cat Little, says: "I am delighted that Sam Ulyatt will be taking on the role as the new Chief Executive of the Crown Commercial Service. Joining from the Home Office where she was Chief Commercial Officer, Sam has a wealth of experience in leading and finding solutions to complex commercial challenges; I look forward to seeing all she achieves in this new role."

Simon Tse, current CCS Chief Executive, says: "First of all, I'd like to offer my sincere congratulations to Sam on her appointment as the new CCS Chief Executive. I'm really pleased to be handing the baton on to someone who knows, and is passionate about, CCS and will continue to live the values of the organisation. I know she will be committed to driving value for our customers and ensuring that the CCS values of Listen, Respect, Collaborate and Trust are embedded throughout the organisation. With the new Procurement Regulations coming later this year, I have all faith in Sam's ability to lead CCS at such an exciting time."

Gareth Rhys Williams, Government Chief Commercial Officer and CCS Non-Executive Director, says: “I’m thrilled that Sam has been appointed as CEO of CCS. CCS plays a vital role in the success of the wider Commercial Function and her combination of private sector background and her experience at the Home Office and from previously at CCS makes her ideally suited for this role. Her energy, focus on the customer, and experience of negotiating major deals will all help CCS continue to build on the strong base that Simon has established.”

Sam Ulyatt says: “I am delighted to have the opportunity to come back to Crown Commercial Service as your Chief Executive. We will, together, continue the great work across the public sector by adding value to the critical services we support and enabling better outcomes for the UK. I commit to shape and lead the organisation by listening, respecting, collaborating and trusting. Key to this is connecting with the whole of the public sector and providing direction in which we all commit to deliver for stakeholders.”