

To the Nomination Committee
25th April 2012



James Smith CBE

James Smith retired from Shell in April 2011 after 7 years as Chairman of Shell UK. He joined Shell in 1983. He lived for 4¹/₂ years in Malaysia and Brunei and worked on Shell business in a number of Middle Eastern countries and in the US. He was head of technology in Shell Chemicals.

James is Chairman of the Conservatoire for Dance and Drama, Chairman of the Carbon Trust and a Trustee of the Science Museum. He is on the advisory group for the Green Investment Bank and is Past President of the Energy Institute. He is on advisory boards at Aberdeen University, at Imperial and UCL and is a visiting professor at London Southbank. He chairs the advisory board of the Association for Black Engineers in the UK. Before retiring he was on the advisory boards of Opportunity Now and Race for Opportunity, the employer groups for gender and racial diversity. He received an Honorary Doctorate from LSBU and a CBE in 2009.

James grew up and went to school in the far north of Scotland. He has a degree in physics and is a chartered accountant. Before joining Shell he worked with Accenture. He is married and has a grown up son. His interests include sports (mainly tennis and golf), the arts and the natural world.