



LORD DEIGHTON TO BECOME HEATHROW CHAIRMAN

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Heathrow Airport has today announced that Lord Paul Deighton will succeed Sir Nigel Rudd as chairman of the board when he steps down later this year.

Lord Deighton will guide Heathrow through its next phase of development, supporting Heathrow's vision of giving passengers the best airport service in the world and preparing for the government's decision on airport expansion.

Following a very successful career at Goldman Sachs, Lord Deighton delivered the 2012 London Olympic Games to international acclaim as chief executive of the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games.

Recently, as commercial secretary to the treasury, Lord Deighton was responsible for the UK's National Infrastructure Plan, focussing on getting major projects built, benefits captured, attracting capital into the UK from across the world and creating the right environment for continued infrastructure investment.

Commenting on his appointment, Lord Deighton said: “Over the past decade, Heathrow has been transformed by £11 billion of private investment into a world-class airport that Britain can be proud of.

“It is Britain’s front door - providing a warm welcome to visitors and connecting all parts of our island trading nation to the emerging and international markets of the world that fuel growth, create jobs and drive exports.

“I’m delighted to be joining a team with an ambition to give passengers the best airport service in the world and focussed on delivering the runway that will keep Britain at the heart of the global economy.”

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