



## **Armagh Observatory and Planetarium Structure, Governance and Management**

The Armagh Observatory and Planetarium is a single statutory corporation and arms-length body (ALB), 'The Governors of the Armagh Observatory and Planetarium' are as described in *The Armagh Observatory and Planetarium (Northern Ireland) Order 1995*.

This 1995 Order superseded the original 1791 Act of the Irish Parliament entitled '*An Act for Settling and Preserving a Public Observatory and Museum in the City of Armagh For Ever*', and an Amendment of 1938 ('The University and Collegiate and Scientific Institutions Act [Northern Ireland], 1938').

The Armagh Observatory and Planetarium (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (the Order) places a statutory duty on "the Governors of Armagh Observatory and Planetarium" to maintain and manage Armagh Observatory and Planetarium with the purpose of "developing and improving the knowledge, appreciation and practice of astronomy and related sciences."

In accordance with paragraph 8(1) of Schedule 1 of the Order, the Governors have delegated primary responsibility for the governance and management of Armagh Observatory and Planetarium to a Management Committee.

The Board of Governors (the Board) has retained a role to ensure that the culture and character, history and patrimony embodied in Armagh Observatory and Planetarium are protected and preserved and that the institution is managed in line with the statutory purpose outlined in the Order. This role will normally be fulfilled through an Annual Review meeting (visitation) where the Board will receive assurance as to the management and performance of Armagh Observatory and Planetarium from the Management Committee.

## Board of Governors

The Board of Governors comprises the Church of Ireland Archbishop of Armagh (Chairman), the Dean and Chapter of the Church of Ireland Cathedral of Armagh, 1 Queen's University Belfast (QUB) nominee, 1 Department for Communities (DfC) nominee and up to 3 additional members nominated by the Board of Governors.

| Name   | Representing   | Date of First Appointment | Expiry Date of Appointment | Length of Each Term | Remuneration  | Time Commitment                                       |
|--|--|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------|---|
| CHAIRMAN<br>His Grace, The Most Reverend<br>J McDowell, Archbishop of Armagh | Church of Ireland Archbishop of Armagh                             | 28 Apr 2020               |                            |                     | Expenses only | Approx. 5 days per annum plus preparation/travel time |
| The Very Reverend Dean<br>S Forster  | Dean of the Chapter of the Church of Ireland Cathedral of Armagh   | 14 Feb 2020               |                            |                     | Expenses only | 1 day per annum plus preparation/travel time          |
| The Venerable Archdeacon<br>E Cairns   | Member of the Chapter of the Church of Ireland Cathedral of Armagh | 13 Dec 2020               |                            |                     | Expenses only | 1 day per annum plus preparation/travel time          |
| The Venerable Archdeacon<br>Dr P Thompson                                    | Member of the Chapter of the Church of Ireland Cathedral of Armagh | 13 Jan 2019               |                            |                     | Expenses only | 1 day per annum plus preparation/travel time          |
| The Reverend Canon W M Adair   | Member of the Chapter of the Church of Ireland Cathedral of Armagh | 10 Sep 2008               |                            |                     | Expenses only | 1 day per annum plus preparation/travel time          |
| The Reverend Canon<br>R J N Porteus  | Member of the Chapter of the Church of Ireland Cathedral of Armagh | 1998                      |                            |                     | Expenses only | 1 day per annum plus preparation/travel time          |
| The Reverend Canon D Hilliard  | Member of the Chapter of the Church of Ireland Cathedral of Armagh | 13 Mar 2016               |                            |                     | Expenses only | 1 day per annum plus preparation/travel time          |
| The Reverend Canon M Hagan   | Member of the Chapter of the Church of Ireland Cathedral of Armagh | 23 Apr 2023               |                            |                     | Expenses only | 1 day per annum plus preparation/travel time          |
| The Reverend Canon G McMurray  | Member of the Chapter of the Church of Ireland Cathedral of Armagh | 20 Oct 2024               |                            |                     | Expenses only | 1 day per annum plus preparation/travel time          |
| The Reverend Canon A Totten OBE  | Member of the Chapter of the Church of Ireland Cathedral of Armagh | 20 Oct 2024               |                            |                     | Expenses only | 1 day per annum plus preparation/travel time          |
| Vacant   | Member of the Chapter of the Church of Ireland Cathedral of Armagh |                           |                            |                     | Expenses only | 1 day per annum plus preparation/travel time          |
| Professor A Fitzsimmons  | Nominated by QUB   | 18 Apr 2019               | 1 May 2025                 | 5 Years             | Expenses only | 1 day per annum plus preparation/travel time          |
| Mr R Wilson  | Nominated by the Governors   | 01 Dec 2019               | 30 Nov 2029*               | 5 Years             | Expenses only | 1 day per annum plus preparation/travel time          |
| His Grace, The Most Reverend<br>E Martin, Archbishop of Armagh               | Nominated by the Governors   | 01 Jan 2021               | 31 Dec 2025                | 5 Years             | Expenses only | 1 day per annum plus preparation/travel time          |
| Ms S Leslie  | Nominated by the Governors   | 01 Jun 2021               | 31 May 2026                | 5 Years             | Expenses only | 1 day per annum plus preparation/travel time          |
| Mr G Cox   | Nominated by DfC   | 01 Mar 2021               | 28 Feb 2026                | 5 Years             | Expenses only | 1 day per annum plus preparation/travel time          |

## Management Committee

The Management Committee comprises of a Chair appointed through open competition, 3 nominees from the Board of Governors, 1 Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies (DIAS) nominee, 1 Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) nominee, 1 Queen's University Belfast (QUB) nominee, 6 Department for Communities (DfC) nominees and up to 3 additional members co-opted by the Board of Governors.

| Name                       | Representing                       | Date of First Appointment | Expiry Date of Appointment | Length of Each Term | Remuneration  | Time Commitment                               |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------|---|
| CHAIRMAN<br>Mr J Briggs    | Appointed through open competition | 01 Jan 2018               | 31 Dec 2027*               | 5 Years             | Expenses only | 2-3 days per month                            |
| Mr G Cox                   | Nominated by the Governors         | 19 May 2021               | 28 Feb 2026                | 5 Years             | Expenses only | 4 days per annum plus preparation/travel time |
| Mr R Wilson                | Nominated by the Governors         | 01 Dec 2019               | 30 Nov 2024                | 5 Years             | Expenses only | 4 days per annum plus preparation/travel time |
| The Reverend Canon M Hagan | Nominated by the Governors         | 17 May 2023               | 16 May 2028                | 5 Years             | Expenses only | 4 days per annum plus preparation/travel time |
| Professor C Jackman        | Nominated by DIAS                  | 01 Jan 2021               | 31 Dec 2025                | 5 Years             | Expenses only | 4 days per annum plus preparation/travel time |
| Professor M Darnley        | Nominated by STFC                  | 01 Jan 2021               | 31 Dec 2025                | 5 Years             | Expenses only | 4 days per annum plus preparation/travel time |
| Professor M Mathioudakis   | Nominated by QUB                   | 11 Nov 2016               | 10 Nov 2026*               | 5 Years             | Expenses only | 4 days per annum plus preparation/travel time |
| Mr P Kennedy               | Nominated by DfC                   | 01 Mar 2021               | 28 Feb 2026                | 5 Years             | Expenses only | 4 days per annum plus preparation/travel time |
| Dr K Lemon                 | Nominated by DfC                   | 01 Mar 2021               | 28 Feb 2026                | 5 Years             | Expenses only | 4 days per annum plus preparation/travel time |
| Mr E Rooney                | Nominated by DfC                   | 01 Mar 2021               | 28 Feb 2026                | 5 Years             | Expenses only | 4 days per annum plus preparation/travel time |
| Professor R Hunter         | Nominated by DfC                   | 01 Jun 2024               | 31 May 2029                | 5 Years             | Expenses only | 4 days per annum plus preparation/travel time |
| Ms Gráinne McVeigh         | Nominated by DfC                   | 01 Jun 2024               | 31 May 2029                | 5 Years             | Expenses only | 4 days per annum plus preparation/travel time |
| Mr R O'Hara                | Nominated by DfC                   | 01 Jun 2024               | 31 May 2029                | 5 Years             | Expenses only | 4 days per annum plus preparation/travel time |

\*Second term or more