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## **ST JOHN'S WINCHESTER APPOINTS ROGER BRIGHT CB AS NEW CHAIR OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

St John's Winchester has announced the appointment of Roger Bright as the new Chair of the Board of Trustees. Roger succeeds retiring Acting Chair, Martin Lowry, who has filled the role since Richard Steel's retirement in 2017.

Roger worked for the Crown Estate from 1999 to 2011, firstly as Director of Finance and Administration and, from 2001, as Chief Executive and a member of the Board. Prior to these responsibilities, he has worked for the FSA, the Personal Investment Authority, the Housing Corporation, and as a senior civil servant in the Department of the Environment.

Since retiring in 2011, Roger has been in much demand and has served on the Boards of the Council of the City University, The Royal Parks, and London First and as a member of the London Finance Commission. He is currently the Chair of the West and North West Cambridge Estates Board, the Chair of Private Rented Sector Operations Ltd and a Member of the Council of the Royal Veterinary College.

A graduate in Modern and Medieval Languages from Trinity Hall, Cambridge University, Roger lives with his family near Hook.

Roger Bright commented: "I am delighted to be joining the Board of St John's Winchester and to being involved in this wonderful local charity. It has a long history of providing housing and care for older people in the community and has ambitious plans to extend that support in the future. It will be a privilege to support St John's with its important work, and I look forward to working with the Trustees and staff to further its aims."

Chair of the Charity's governance committee, Damien Carpanini, commented: "We are looking forward to welcoming Roger to the Board of Trustees of St John's Winchester and working with him to continue the long legacy of caring for older people in the city. On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank our retiring Acting Chair, Martin Lowry, for his wise stewardship of the Charity over the last two years."

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### **Notes for the Editor**

St John's Winchester is one of the country's oldest charities with over nine centuries of history and years of experience supporting older people of limited means. Its almshouse community offers supported independent living in a friendly, social setting, and its specialist nursing home (Moorside) delivers expert care for people living with dementia. With a rich history, but a thoroughly modern outlook, the charity provides care and support to around 150 older people in and around Winchester who choose to make St John's their home. It also delivers wider community support to local older people through its new wellbeing initiative, St John's Hand in Hand.