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UK Public Affairs Council holds first meeting

Today, the first meeting of the UK Public Affairs Council (UKPAC) delivered one of the two recommendations made by the Public Administration Select Committee (PASC) during its review of the industry last year.

The meeting set the tone for the Council's work over the summer months, specifically to deliver the second commitment made to PASC to create a register of those involved in the lobbying industry. This mirrored the announcement made by the Cabinet Office announcement to introduce legislation to create a statutory register of lobbyists in November 2011.

Chairman of UKPAC, Elizabeth France said "This is a crucial time for the public affairs industry and we are proud that we have established a single body that will play a vital role in working with the government to establish a common register for the sector. I look forward to working with the Cabinet Office to ensure there is a suitable register in place as soon as possible."

As well as the formal appointment of France, Roger Sands and Sir George Kidd were appointed as independent members of the Council's Board. These independent members join Gill Morris, Keith Johnston and Francis Ingham, as representatives of the industry on behalf of the APPC, CIPR and PRCA.