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## New patron announced

The Right Honourable Dominic Grieve QC MP has been announced as the first patron of the independent fraud watchdog Fraud Advisory Panel.

Commenting on the appointment, **David Kirk, chairman of the Fraud Advisory Panel**, said:

“We are delighted that the Right Honourable Dominic Grieve QC MP has accepted our invitation to become the first Patron of the Fraud Advisory Panel. We look forward to working with the distinguished MP and former Attorney General on reducing the damage caused by fraud and financial crime to honest citizens and businesses.”

**The Rt Hon Dominic Grieve QC MP, said:**

“I am grateful to have been asked to be patron of the Fraud Advisory Panel. Fraud is a major national and global problem that is only getting worse. The sad reality is that most people have been touched by fraud and financial crime in some way and we must find new and innovative ways to stay one step ahead of the fraudster. I look forward to supporting the Panel’s long-standing commitment to research, educate and collaborate in the fight against fraud.”

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**Notes for editors:**

1. The **Fraud Advisory Panel** is the UK’s leading anti-fraud charity. We bring together fraud professionals from all sectors and disciplines to improve fraud resilience across the UK and around the world. [www.fraudadvisorypanel.org](http://www.fraudadvisorypanel.org)
2. This year marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the Panel’s establishment by ICAEW which continues to provide valuable support. Twenty years ago the idea of bringing together diverse voices – from the professions, finance, commerce, charities, the police, regulators, government and the public sector – to create a strongly multi-disciplinary approach to tackling fraud was novel. The practical effectiveness of this pioneering model has set an important and now widely copied example. As the Panel squares up to the shifting sands of its third decade, our founding ideal – that we are all stronger when we work together – is the one thing we are confident will never change.