John Allan CBE Chairman, London First

John was appointed Chairman of London First on 1st January 2015.

He is Chairman of Tesco plc and Barratt Developments plc. He is also a Non-Executive Director of Worldpay, where he was formerly Chairman.



Previously, amongst other senior roles, he was Chairman of Dixons Retail and later Co-Deputy Chairman and Senior Independent Director of the enlarged Dixons Carphone. He was Chief Financial Officer and a Board Member of Deutsche Post DHL, and Chief Executive of Exel, the supply chain logistics company. He was also previously Chairman of Care UK Health & Social Care and a non-executive director of the Home Office Supervisory Board. He has been a non-executive director at Royal Mail, PHS Group, National Grid, Wolseley, Hamleys, 3i and Connell.

His early career was spent with Lever Brothers, Bristol-Myers Company and Fine Fare. John is a graduate and now a Regent of the University of Edinburgh.

