

ADRIAN COLES

A graduate of both Nottingham and Sheffield Universities with degrees in Economics, Adrian Coles joined the Building Societies Association in 1979 as an Economist. After various appointments he became Director-General in 1993. Between 1993 and 1996 he was also Director General of the Council of Mortgage Lenders.

He frequently addresses seminars and conferences, both in the UK and overseas, on housing, savings, mortgages and mutuality, and has often appeared on radio and television. He takes a keen interest in international developments and is a member of the Executive Committee of the European Mortgage Federation and was Secretary General of the International Union for Housing Finance from December 2001 to January 2009. Outside the BSA Adrian was on the Board of Money Advice Trust, a charity that raises funds for the provision of independent debt advice, for 10 years until February 2004. He has served the social housing sector in a number of capacities and chaired a large housing association in the early 1990s. He was also a school governor for many years, and has chaired the governing body at two schools. Between 2003 and 2005 he chaired the Co-operatives^{UK} Corporate Governance Review of co-operative societies. He is currently chairing the Commission on Co-operative and Mutual Housing.

Aged 55, Adrian is married and has a son aged 25 and a 21 year-old daughter. He keeps his body fit through regular attendance at the gym and his mind in shape by reading history and political biography. He is also a season ticket holder, with his son, at Tottenham Hotspur Football Club.

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