



## PRESS INFORMATION

### **ACCESSIBLE RETAIL IS STRENGTHENED BY THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Andrew Lewis-Pratt, the new Chairman of Accessible Retail (AR), has shaken up the board to provide a new structure that is more geared to meet the challenges of the future.

In what is viewed by the members to be an extremely positive step, Lewis Pratt has formed an Executive Board of individuals representing all aspects of the retail warehousing industry. The Executive Board will take a more strategic approach to addressing the issues facing the industry, with particular emphasis on lobbying the Government to reduce the increasingly restrictive planning policies facing the retail warehousing market.

Individuals on the board include: - Mike Taylor of King Sturge, Paul Simpson of Wilkinson Williams, John Marsh of JCM Properties, Andrew Appleyard of Morley Fund Management, Sue Phillipson of Dixons, and Will McKee will continue as Chief Executive and Daniel Berrevoets as Treasurer.

An Advisory Board has also been established to assist the main board and to continue with Accessible Retail's excellent track record of supporting

worthwhile charitable causes through a year round events programme. This year the annual Christmas lunch raised over £70,000 for various charities including, The Variety Club, The Royal Marsden Hospital Charity, Being Terri and the Noah's Ark Appeal.

Andy Lewis-Pratt, Chairman of Accessible Retail and Chief Executive of The Junction comments,

"This is an extremely challenging time for our industry and it is vital that we are able to focus on representing our members' needs to the wider world. This new structure enables us to focus on these pressing issues. With the help of our Chief Executive, Will McKee we have already made great inroads to increase AR's influence within the Government and in particular in lobbying the ODPM and The Treasury regarding PPS6.

"I look forward to continuing the good work of my predecessors in generating a single voice for out of town retail."

\*\*Please see attachment for full Board Structure

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