

Matthew Campbell-Hill appointed Chair of the Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee (DPTAC)

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The Department for Transport (DfT) has appointed a new chair of Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee (DPTAC) to represent the needs and rights of disabled people across the UK's transport network.

Matthew Campbell-Hill, a tech regulation expert and former Team GB wheelchair fencer, will work alongside DfT to advise government on the needs and rights of passengers, and to ensure its projects are inclusive and accessible for all.

Having held a number of government advisory positions and with a senior fellowship at the University of Birmingham, Matthew brings to the role extensive knowledge and experience of working in complex industries.

Roads and Local Transport Minister Richard Holden, who has cross-DfT responsibility for accessibility said:

Everyone deserves the right to get from A to B with ease and DPTAC plays a vital role helping us ensure equal access to travel in the UK.

I'm delighted to welcome Matthew as the new Chair. His background speaks for itself in his breadth of experience and I look forward to working closely with him in the coming months.

Building on the work of previous DPTAC Chair, Keith Richards, who held the role for over 8 years, Matthew will provide an independent, expert voice tasked with holding the government to account in ensuring disabled people can travel safely and independently across all modes of transport.

The new Chair currently serves as a non-executive director at the Driver Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA), where he heads up the Health, Safety, and Wellness Committee and leads on advice on vehicle autonomy.

He previously held a non-executive director position at the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, and was part of a government-commissioned review to improve diversity within the public appointments process.

With more than 10 years of experience as a wheelchair athlete, including multiple World Cup medals and winning the National Championships in 2012, Matthew Campbell-Hill brings a wealth of experience and a personal perspective to the role of DPTAC Chair.

Matthew Campbell-Hill said: "I am honoured to be appointed as the new Chair of the Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee.

"As a seasoned traveller with lived experience of disability, I am looking forward to working with the excellent team in place to help them continue to share their expertise with the government. The transport landscape has rapidly evolved in recent years, and I am passionate about leveraging this momentum to improve accessibility and inclusiveness across the UK's transport network.

"I would like to thank Keith Richards OBE for his tireless efforts ensuring that all disabled people and their carers have had representation at the highest political levels."

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