

Windsor Debates

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Friday 26th September 2025

John was appointed chief executive of North East Chamber of Commerce in October 2021. He has served on the Chamber's board, council and as president from 2017 to 2019.

He is also a member of the British Chambers of Commerce Business Council, representing all 51 chambers in the national network.

In July 2024, John was appointed deputy lieutenant of Tyne & Wear and honorary professor of enterprise and knowledge at Teesside University. He serves on the regional development committee of The King's Trust and on the advisory board of the North East Investment Zone.

In January 2025, John was appointed chair of the North East Combined Authority business and economy board. In this capacity, John represents the North East business community as a non-voting member of the combined authority cabinet.

All of these responsibilities and experiences fuel John's passion for a stronger, fairer North East.



JOHN MCCABE

Chief Executive Officer
North East Chamber of Commerce

