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Mayor appoints Policy Director

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Mayor of London Boris Johnson has appointed Anthony Browne as Policy Director.

A former national journalist, Anthony is currently Director of leading think tank Policy Exchange and has written reports on issues ranging from the NHS to housing, education, environment and welfare reform for several think tanks.

As Policy Director, Anthony will be one of the Mayor's political advisors providing policy advice to the Mayor and Deputy Mayors and researching and developing new policies for London.

Boris Johnson said: "I am delighted that Anthony is joining my team at City Hall. As a policy expert in the fields of environment, health and politics for the influential Policy Exchange and a former journalist on the Times and Observer, I am sure Anthony will be a valuable asset in helping to shape London's future over the next four years".

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Notes to Editors

Anthony Browne is 41 and has a degree in Mathematics from Cambridge University. He is married with two children and lives in north London.

Career Highlights:

1988-89 Business analyst for management consultants Booz.Allen and Hamilton

1989-1992 Various media jobs, including diarist for Daily Telegraph's Peterborough column and producer for television production company Uden Associates

1992-1997 BBC TV and Radio news, including working on the Money Programme and Business Breakfast. Promoted to become business reporter, economics reporter and acting economics correspondent for main TV and Radio programmes, including Today programme, World at One, One O'Clock and Nine O'Clock News.

1997-2002 Observer newspaper - economics correspondent, deputy business editor, health editor and environment editor

2002-2007 Times newspaper - environment editor, Brussels correspondent, and chief political correspondent

2007-present Director of Policy Exchange, Britain's leading centre-right think tank

Anthony is a regular commentator on policy issues, contributing to Newsnight, Daily Telegraph, Daily Mail, Observer, Spectator, New Statesman and Prospect. He has written various pamphlets for think tanks, including the Social Market Foundation, Civitas and the Adam Smith institute, and won various awards.

