

## **GORDON PAGE**

My Lady and Chancellor,

Gordon Page has made an enormous contribution to the business community of Bournemouth, Poole and Dorset over a period of two decades. After 27 years with Rolls Royce he joined Cobham plc in 1990. As Chief Executive and later Chairman, he led the company to global standing as a front-runner in the development, delivery and support of aerospace and defence systems. He is currently Chairman of Hamworthy plc. Among many other prominent roles in business and education he chairs the Multi-Area Agreement for Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole, an economic development partnership of local authorities, businesses, and educational and training organisations.

Gordon Page was born, as it were, into the aircraft and defence industries, where he has had a long and outstandingly successful career. His father was the late Sir Frederick Page, a brilliant and innovative aeronautical engineer who headed the Aircraft Division of British Aerospace and earlier led the design of several outstanding military aeroplanes, including the Canberra, Lightning, Tornado and Typhoon. Gordon took a different route: he read Economics and Economic History at Cambridge, and then joined Rolls Royce where he specialised in commercial marketing and was successively Head of Marketing, Civil Engineering, and Commercial Development. He was also a member of the Rolls Royce Board of Directors.

Gordon's expertise and powers of leadership have been recognised at national and internat