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Episode 1

Alex Aiken – Executive Director of Government Communications, UK

Brief description for iTunes: We bring in a big name for our first episode, the most senior communications professional in the UK Civil Service, Alex Aiken.

Bio

Alex Aiken is the Executive Director of Government Communications. Based in Downing Street and the Cabinet Office, Alex is the most senior communications professional in the Civil Service. His role covers government communications strategy, management of the Cabinet Office and No.10 operation and leadership of the profession.

He was Director of Communications & Strategy at Westminster City Council, 2000-13. At Westminster he built a team that was recognised to be the best in local government and a created a successful consultancy operation providing services to other organisations.

Before joining Westminster he held senior posts at Conservative Central Office, leading the Party's Campaigns Unit from 1999-2000 and the Press Office between 1995 and 1999. He has trained politicians and officials in newly democratic states around the world in communications techniques.

He lives in Pimlico, London with his family.

Links

- 7.19** Aspire program. (<https://gcn.civilservice.gov.uk/professional-development-2/learning-opportunities/>)
- 21.48** To join the UK Government Communications Service. (<https://gcn.civilservice.gov.uk/membership/>)