

Aviva appoints UK chief risk officer

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Aviva has today announced that it has appointed John Lister as UK chief risk officer.

John will take up his new role in March 2012, and will be responsible for leading the risk management and governance agenda of the UK business. He will report to new UK CEO Trevor Matthews with an independent functional reporting line to Aviva plc chief risk officer Robin Spencer.

John joined the company as a newly qualified actuary and has worked for Aviva for 25 years. He has been chief financial officer of the UK Life business since 2009. In 2003 he was appointed with-profits actuary for all Norwich Union life companies until he became chief actuary in 2005.

John has undertaken a number of actuarial roles including product design, reinsurance and with-profits. He was responsible for the reattribution of the inherited estate in 2009, and is part of the global finance executive team delivering greater transparency in financial reporting. John is also very much involved in the local community and is a member of York Cares and the York Fairness Commission.

John will succeed Craig Thornton, who became UK commercial director on 1st November.

Robin Spencer, group chief risk officer of Aviva said: "John's detailed knowledge is an invaluable asset and we are delighted he will continue to play an important role in the future success of our business as UK chief risk officer. John's passion, leadership and broad commercial skills are perfectly suited to supporting the delivery of our risk agenda."

John's appointment is subject to FSA approval.

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