

Allan Cook CBE
Chairman



Allan Cook was appointed Chairman of WS Atkins plc on 1st February 2010. Allan was previously Chief Executive of Cobham PLC, a position from which he retired on 31 December 2009.

He is a chartered engineer with more than 30 years' international experience in the automotive, aerospace and defence industries. Prior to Cobham PLC, Mr Cook held positions at GEC-Marconi, BAE Systems and Hughes Electronics.

He is Chairman of the National Skills Academy for Manufacturing, president of the Aerospace and Defence Industries Association of Europe (ASD), a Director of Industry Forum and a committee member of the UK Ministerial Advisory Group for Manufacturing. Allan will also be chairing the Skills and Jobs Retention Group, a new industry-led group which has been created to ensure that high value skills in the defence sector can be effectively redeployed where there are industrial changes as a result of the Strategic Defence and Security Review (SDSR).

Allan was awarded a CBE in the Queen's New Year's Honours list in 2008.