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**AIB – APPOINTMENT OF HELEN NORMOYLE AS A NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. ('AIB') announces the appointment of Helen Elizabeth Normoyle (48) as a Non-Executive Director with effect from 17 December 2015.

Helen is the Chief Marketing Officer at DFS, Britain's leading upholstered furniture retailer, and will remain in her executive role whilst a Non-Executive Director of AIB.

Helen is a Director of DFS Trading Limited. Prior to joining DFS, Helen was a Director of Marketing and Audiences at the BBC and has held director-level roles with Ofcom, the UK communications regulator, and Motorola.

On Helen's appointment, Chairman, Richard Pym said *"Through her past experience and current executive role at DFS, Helen brings with her a unique insight and a wealth of experience across relevant customer focused, digital and marketing activities which will be invaluable to the Board in the coming years. On behalf of the Board, I would like to congratulate Helen on her appointment and wish her every success in her new role."*

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