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# Network Rail bonus remuneration chief 'facing calls to quit'

**The chair of the committee which rules on Network Rail's pay and bonuses is facing calls to stand down.**

Some of Network Rail's public members, who hold the board to account, have told the BBC they will support Steve Russell's removal on Friday.

It follows a political row over bonuses at the taxpayer-subsidised company.

A meeting on Friday originally intended to discuss its incentive scheme will go ahead, despite six bosses' decision to forgo bonuses amid political pressure.

Lord Berkeley is one of Network Rail's public members - who perform a similar role to shareholders in public limited companies.

BBC political correspondent Tim Reid says the Labour peer will be "critical" of the board and the company's directors and will support calls for Mr Russell to step down as chairman of the remuneration committee.

### **New face**

Another member has told the BBC he will also support the move. At any one time Network Rail has about 100 public and industry members.