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Network Rail dismisses calls for bonus chief to quit

Network Rail has dismissed calls for the chairman of its remuneration committee to step down following the controversy over executive bonuses.

At a board meeting, some of the company's public members urged the company to appoint a "fresh face".

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

The members were unhappy at how the bonus issue was handled. Network Rail said the committee remained as it was with Steve Russell as boss.

Last week the company's executives announced they would not take bonuses worth as much as 60% of their salary.

'Pretty clear'

One of the members who attended Friday's meeting, David Pemberton, told BBC News: "The phrase that was used was that Steve Russell had 'done a good job' and would see it through to the end.

"The chairman and chief executive and Mr Russell sat side-by-side.