

**Speaker 2: Michael Charlton-Weedy, Chief Executive, Cabinet Office  
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**Michael Charlton-Weedy** CBE is the Chief Executive of the Cabinet Office Emergency Planning College, which is located in the North of England. He took up the appointment in May 2003 following an international competitive selection. He took early retirement following 35 years in the British Army, which included appointments in the Cabinet Office as the contingency planner during the 'Winter of Discontent' of 1978-9; as Director of Studies at the Royal Military College of Science; and as Senior Director at the Royal College of Defence Studies in London. His final appointment was as Deputy Adjutant General, responsible for the Army's personnel policy and administration in the rank of Major General.