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Appointment of Members of the Board of Crown Estate Scotland

The Minister for Environment, Biodiversity and Land Reform, Mairi McAllan MSP, today announced the appointment of Ann Allen and Euan McVicar as Members of the Board of Crown Estate Scotland.

Appointments

Ann Allen is the CEO of the Chartered Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors. Ann's professional background is in asset management and construction and over the last thirty-five years has worked in a diverse number of organisations, including central government, banking, retail and higher education. She was Director of estates at Glasgow University, leading the £1bn capital programme where she received an MBE in recognition for her work in Higher Education. She is a strong advocate for diversity in Property & Construction.

Euan McVicar is an experienced energy, legal and green investment professional. He has experience across both the private and public sectors. Euan was Chair of the Investment Committee and General Counsel at the UK Green Investment Bank and prior to that he was a partner and ran the Energy Transactions & Advisory Team at international law firm, Pinsent Masons. Euan recently served as General Counsel and an Executive Committee member at Ofgem. Euan lives in rural Scotland, near Biggar and is a director of The Biggar Gin Company Limited.

The appointments are regulated by the Ethical Standards Commissioner.

Length of Term, Remuneration and Time Commitment

The appointments are for three years from 28 June 2021 until 27 June 2024. Members of the Board receive a fee of £217.33 per day for a time commitment of on average, two days per month.

Other Ministerial Appointments

Ann Allen is Chair of the Board of Architecture Design Scotland and receives £5,684 per annum for a time commitment of one day per week; a Member of the Board of the Scottish Futures Trust and receives £4,680 for a time commitment of two days per month; and a Member of the Board of the Water Industry Commission for Scotland and receives £12,882 for a time commitment of one day per week. She is also a Trustee and Chair of the Estates Committee of the National Museum of Scotland which has a time commitment of one day per month. This position is unremunerated

Euan McVicar does not hold any other Ministerial appointments.

Political Activity

All appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. However, in accordance with the original Nolan recommendations, there is a requirement for appointees' political activity within the last five years (if there is any to be declared) to be made public.

Ann Allen and Euan McVicar have had no political activity within the last five years.

Crown Estate Scotland

Crown Estate Scotland is a self-financing Statutory Public Corporation accountable to the Scottish Ministers and to the Scottish Parliament. The management and revenue of the Scottish Crown Estate was devolved to Scotland on 1 April 2017.

The Scottish Crown Estate includes a diverse range of urban, rural, coastal and marine assets. The diversity of the property, rights and interests comprising the Scottish Crown Estate means that decisions on retention, use or sale of the assets can deliver significant economic, social, financial and environmental benefits for communities across Scotland. Crown Estate Scotland is currently the manager of all the Scottish Crown Estate assets.

Crown Estate Scotland's core purpose is investing in property, natural resources and people to generate lasting value for Scotland. All revenue profit is paid to the Scottish Consolidated Fund. In 2019/20, the gross revenue from Scottish Crown Estate assets was £22 million and £12 million of net revenue was paid into the Scottish Consolidated Fund. In line with an ongoing commitment by Scottish Ministers a large proportion of that was distributed to benefit coastal communities across Scotland.

Crown Estate Scotland has a target of committing £70 million of capital to sustainable development by end of 2022-23.