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Members Appointed to Food Standards Scotland Board

The Minister for Public Health, Women's Health & Sport, Maree Todd MSP, today announced the appointments of Aileen Brown, Alban Denton and Dr Carol Evans as Members of the Food Standards Scotland Board.

MEMBERS

Aileen Brown's career covers the public sector, private sector and latterly financial mutual societies. She is a Chartered Accountant and has held Finance Director positions in a diverse range of sectors working with multi-disciplinary leadership teams.

Aileen developed a detailed understanding of governance from working in regulated businesses and also in professional practice as an auditor and risk management consultant in EY. In addition to finance roles she had executive oversight of other disciplines such as HR, IT, legal, risk, compliance and enjoys multi-disciplinary projects.

Aileen has extensive experience of boards, risk committees and audit committees and has been a Non-Executive Director. She has chaired board sub committees and is a Trustee, Board Member and Audit Committee Member of the Scottish Civic Trust.

Alban Denton is a graduate in Food Marketing and has an MBA from Edinburgh. He has been involved in many of Scotland's food businesses over the past 30 years and has held a range of Director and Managing Director roles in Kettle Produce, Grampian Food Group, Eden Esk Group, Warburton's and, until he recently retired, he was the Managing Director of Loch Duart, one of Scotland's salmon farmers.

Alban was the winner of the CEO of the year in 2017. He is experienced at working in and leading businesses with significant brands and heritage. He delivers growth and organisational change to improve flexibility, service levels, employee engagement and profitability.

Alban was also a Director of the Scottish Salmon Producers Organisation and Chair of Scottish Quality Salmon. He is the senior independent Non-Executive Director of The Suttons Group - a large international logistics company and of the Gael Force Group – a global supplier to the marine and fish farming industries.

Dr Carol Evans held senior European roles in PepsiCo, Kellogg's and Reckitt Benckiser and understands food manufacture, product design and quality standards plus food regulation and was instrumental in improving food quality and re-design across Europe.

With her combined chemistry / biochemistry PhD, food industry experience and 10 years pharmaceutical experience and personal research, she understands food components, additives and their effect on the body.

Carol has over 20 years' experience leading significant organisational change. As AstraZeneca Global Director of Clinical Learning and Development, she initiated and led the transformational organisation change programme that developed an inclusive learning and continuous improvement culture resulting in improved performance and regulatory compliance. Subsequently, she supported AstraZeneca's global capability development program to drive worldwide organisational change.

Carol is a previous member of several regulatory boards, committees and department of health advisory groups.

APPOINTMENTS

The appointments will be for four years, with Alban Denton and Dr Carol Evans commencing on 1st July 2021 to 30th June 2025; and Aileen Brown will commence on 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2025.

The appointments are regulated by the Ethical Standards Commissioner.

REMUNERATION

The appointments are part-time and attract a daily rate of £227 for a time commitment of four days per month.

OTHER MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS

Dr Carol Evans is a Member of the Skills Development Scotland Board, for which she receives a daily rate of £336 for a time commitment of two days per month.

Aileen Brown and Alban Denton do not hold any other public 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.

Aileen Brown, Alban Denton and Dr Carol Evans have had no political activity within the last five years.

BACKGROUND

Food Standards Scotland (FSS) is the public sector food body for Scotland. They ensure that information and advice on food safety and standards, nutrition and labelling is independent, consistent, evidence-based and consumer-focused. Their primary concern is consumer protection – making sure that food is safe to eat, ensuring consumers know what they are eating and improving nutrition. FSS develops policies,

provides policy advice to others, is a trusted source of advice for consumers and protects consumers through delivery of a robust regulatory and enforcement strategy.