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**Member Reappointed to the Scottish Ambulance Service Board**

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport, Jeane Freeman MSP, today announced the reappointment of Mrs Cecil Meiklejohn as a Member of the Scottish Ambulance Service Board.

**MEMBERS**

**Cecil Meiklejohn** has spent over 25 years working within local government in a variety of roles, including as a voluntary sector partner and latterly as an elected councillor which enables her to bring a broad range of skills and knowledge, particularly of the public sector. In her elected capacity, she is currently the Leader of Falkirk Council, Chair of the Community Planning Partnership and a member of the Integrated Joint Board. Her previous positions as a non-executive director with the Care Inspectorate and in her current elected role, includes leading on areas such as Strategic Planning and working with a broad range of partners, through Community Planning Partnership and COSLA, giving her a working knowledge of the Health and Local and National Government agendas which is key at this time to the further development of integration of Health and Social Care.

**APPOINTMENT**

This reappointment will be for four years, running from 1st December 2020 until 30th November 2024.

This reappointment is regulated by the **Ethical Standards Commissioner.**

**REMUNERATION**

The reappointments are part-time and attract a remuneration of £8,842 per annum on a pro rata basis for a time commitment up to 8 hours per week.

**OTHER MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS**

Cecil Meiklejohn 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.

Cecil Meiklejohn is currently an elected member and Leader of Falkirk Council. She has held a number of roles within the Scottish National Party (SNP); has acted as a political agent; and has canvassed on behalf of the party.

**BACKGROUND**

The Scottish Ambulance Service is at the frontline of NHS Scotland, providing an emergency and non-emergency service to people across mainland Scotland and its island communities. As a national board, they offer a vital link for patients and the wider NHS, supporting service change and development through a paramedic-led emergency service with enhanced clinical skills and competencies. Their core function is to respond to patients when they need them, provide clinical treatment and care, and ensure patients are routed quickly and efficiently to the care they need.