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**Chair Reappointed to Scottish Fire and Rescue Service**

The Minister for Community Safety, Ash Denham MSP, today announced the reappointment of Kirsty Darwent as the Chair of the Board of Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

**CHAIR**

**Kirsty Darwent** has wide ranging leadership experience within the charitable and public sector and has a professional background as a Chartered Psychologist and Systemic Psychotherapist. She has substantive governance experience and her current roles include appointments as the Chair of Relationships Scotland and as an executive director with the Family Therapy Training Network. She is formerly the Vice-Chair of the Board of NHS Ayrshire and Arran and was a member of the Midwifery Committee of the NJC, the UK’s largest health regulator. She has recently been appointed as the Chair of the Scottish Agricultural Wages Board.

**REAPPOINTMENT**

This reappointment will be for four years. It will run from 11 December 2021 until

10 December 2025.

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

**REMUNERATION**

The reappointments are part-time and attract a remuneration of £447 per day on a pro rata basis for a time commitment up to 10 days per month.

**OTHER MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS**

Kirsty Darwent is also the Chair of the Scottish Agricultural Wages Board, which attracts a remuneration of £250.50 per day on a pro rata basis for a time commitment of up to 4 days per year.

**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.

Kirsty Darwent was a Labour Councillor from 2012 until 2017, and campaigned for Labour in the 2015 general election.

**BACKGROUND**

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service is the world’s fourth largest fire and rescue service committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of the people of Scotland. They are a national organisation delivering our front-line services locally from three strategically positioned hubs based in the North, West and East of the country.