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Members Reappointed and Appointment Terms Extended to Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

The Minister for Community Safety, Ash Denham MSP, today announced the reappointments of Anne Buchanan, Fiona Thorburn and Primrose Stark. She also announced extensions to the appointments of William McQueen and Marieke Dwarshuis as Members of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

REAPPOINTMENTS

Anne Buchanan was a director of nursing in a large Trust in England and the Board Nurse Director of NHS Fife - posts she held for 12 years. She was a Non-Executive Director for QUIS for 3 years until the organisation became Healthcare Improvement Scotland. She is currently working in Citizens Advice in Alba, supporting people to give feedback to the NHS, and has been a member of the SFRS Board for four years.

Fiona Thorburn has a long career spanning roles in publishing, utilities and financial services. She has successfully led significant change management functions, played a key strategic leadership role in the delivery of major change programmes and has an MBA from Strathclyde Business School. She has been a board member of SFRS for four years and is Chair of the Transformation and Major Projects Committee. She is currently running her own business designing, making and restoring furniture.

Primrose Stark is an experienced Board Member having held several Directorships and Public Appointments. She has been a member of the SFRS for four years during which time she has chaired the Audit and Risk Committee and is currently the Chair of the Staff Governance Committee and the Remuneration and Appointments Sub-Committee. Primrose has also served on other Boards including undertaking director roles for David MacBrayne Ltd and for the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority. She also previously chaired Gen 2 which specialises in the provision of training and apprenticeships to the nuclear, manufacturing and engineering sectors. A chartered HR Director by profession, she consults in business transformation and change management. Primrose is also involved as a Trustee in several charitable organisations in Glasgow.

EXTENSIONS

Marieke Dwarshuis has a career in Scotland spanning over 25 years in the public and voluntary sector in a wide range of roles including Director of Consumer Focus Scotland and positions at the Scottish Government, Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator, Citizens Advice Scotland and Shelter Scotland. She is currently a non-executive Board member of the Scottish Legal Aid Board and a member of the Board of Food Standards Scotland.

William McQueen worked in senior policy and operational delivery roles in the Scottish Government; as Deputy Chief Executive at the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service he had responsibility for finance, HR/OD, media and communications and ICT. He has subsequently undertaken non-executive roles at the Accounts Commission for Scotland, the Scottish Legal Aid Board and Disclosure Scotland. He is currently a Board member of NHS Lothian and Vice Chair of the West Lothian Integrated Joint Board.

APPOINTMENTS

Anne Buchanan's reappointment will be for two years, running from 24th October 2020 until 23rd October 2022. The reappointments of Fiona Thorburn and Primrose Stark are for four years, running from 24th October 2020 until 23rd October 2024.

The appointments for Marieke Dwarshuis and William McQueen have been extended for nine months, running from 24th October 2020 until 23rd July 2021.

The reappointments are regulated by the **Ethical Standards Commissioner**.

REMUNERATION

The reappointments are part-time and attract a remuneration of £280 per day on a pro rata basis for a time commitment of 5 days per month.

OTHER MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS

Marieke Dwarshuis is a member of the Scotland Legal Aid Board. She receives £9,646 per annum for a time commitment of four days per month. She is also a member of Food Standards Scotland. She receives £11,042 per annum for a time commitment of four days per month.

Primrose Stark, Anne Buchanan, Fiona Thorburn and William McQueen do 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.

Anne Buchanan is a member of the Scottish National Party.

Primrose Stark, Marieke Dwarshuis, Fiona Thorburn and William McQueen have had no political activity within the last five years.

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.