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**Chair Reappointed to West Lothian College**

The Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science, Richard Lochhead MSP, today announced the reappointment of Mr Alex Linkston as Chair of West Lothian College.

**CHAIR**

**Mr Alex Linkston** has extensive experience in public sector management. He was Chief Executive of West Lothian Council for over 20 years and pioneered work around performance management and customer focus. Since retiring, he has also been chair of Forth Valley Health Board. He is currently a member of the Prince's Trust Scottish Council, and President of West Lothian Highland Games.

**APPOINTMENT**

This reappointment will be for four years. Mr Linkston will run from 27th June 2020 to
26th June 2024.

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

**REMUNERATION**

The reappointment for Mr Linkston is part-time and attracts a remuneration of £21,944 per annum on a pro rata basis for a time commitment up to 2 days per week.

**OTHER MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS**

Mr Linkston does not hold any other ministerial 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.

Mr Linkston has had no political activity within the last five years.

**BACKGROUND**

West Lothian College was established in 1965 and **offers a wide range of further and higher education courses to over 8,000 students each year. The college's vision is to develop a highly skilled and enterprising workforce.**

Further details on West Lothian College can be found on their website.

<https://www.west-lothian.ac.uk/>