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Board Chair Reappointed to the Board of Scottish Canals

The Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport, Michael Matheson MSP has announced the reappointment of Andrew Thin as the Chair of Scottish Canals.

Andrew Thin – Andrew is currently Chair of two public bodies – Scottish Canals (since April 2014) and the Scottish Land Commission (since December 2016). He has almost thirty years of experience in leadership roles in the public, private and third sectors, and has a particular interest in strategic and cultural leadership. He has a Masters Degree in Business Administration and has worked extensively in board level roles in the private, public and third sectors. His previous public sector board roles have included Crofting Commissioner, Children's Hearings Scotland, Chair of the Cairngorms National Park Authority and Chair of Scottish Natural Heritage.

He lives near Inverness with his wife and two children, and in his spare time enjoys hill walking, cycling and sea kayaking.

Reappointments

This appointment extends Andrew's existing term and will be for six months and will run from 1 October 2021 to 31 March 2022. This will take Andrew up to 8 years as the Chair of Scottish Canals which is the maximum term allowed.

This appointment is part-time and attracts a remuneration of £335 per day for a time commitment of 42 days per annum.

Other Ministerial Appointments

Andrew Thin has been Chair of the Scottish Land Commission since December 2016, and receives £293 per day for a time commitment of 48 days per annum.

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. Andrew Thin has had no political activity in the last five years.

Background

Scottish Canals – the operating name for the British Waterways Board - is a Scottish public body which is responsible for the statutory maintenance and the future development of Scotland's canals. Scottish Canals operate in line with Scottish Government policy.

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