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NON-EXECUTIVE MEMBERS REAPPOINTED TO THE SCOTTISH FUNDING COUNCIL

The Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning today announced the reappointment of Maggie Kinloch, Anton Muscatelli, Keith Nicholson and Marlene Wood as Non-Executive Members to the Scottish Funding Council (SFC).

The SFC is a major public body with an annual budget of over £1.5 billion. It is responsible for providing funding for learning and teaching, research and other relevant activities in Scotland's colleges and higher education institutions. It also has a key role to play in delivering the Scottish Government's proposals for the reform of post-16 education and training to improve opportunities for young people and better support jobs and growth.

Professor Anton Muscatelli - is Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Glasgow. His academic field is economics and his knowledge of economic analysis and development will support the SFC's strategic planning. He has served as a member of the Research Grants Board of the Economic and Social Research Council and its International Advisory Committee, and until 2010 he was also a special adviser on monetary policy to the House of Commons Treasury Select Committee. He is currently a member of the Scottish Governments Council of Economic Advisers. He is also a Director of the National Centre for Universities and Business, and was previously the Convener of the Universities Scotland and Vice-President of Universities UK.

Dr Keith Nicholson – is an internationally recognised Scientist, Professor and award-winning company Director, with over 30 years' experience in environmental analysis and data modelling. As CEO Keith founded and managed several firms, more recently he has been engaged as a consultant, Non-Executive Director and interim Director in public bodies, SME's and FTSE firms focusing on raising investment, developing business models for improved performance and recruiting new executive teams. An early adopter of e-commerce, Keith authored "Doing Business on the Internet" and commonly acts as the Bridge between company technology and business strategies. He is presently an independent consultant providing strategic advisory services in cyber security, IT and telecommunications technology. Keith brings to SFC an academic and business background with technical, risk management, environmental and commercial experience and expertise.

Professor Maggie Kinloch - is Vice-Principal of the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. She has wide experience of education provision gained not only as a

senior manager in the higher education sector but also as a teacher and theatre director. Her knowledge of the tertiary education system and its links to employment will support the SFC's work on skills and employability. She was also a founding board member of the National Theatre of Scotland and was involved in the establishment of its governance structures and strategic direction.

Marlene Wood - is a Chartered Accountant with 20 years' experience of project appraisal and funding, gained as Finance Director for Miller Developments, the commercial property arm of the Miller group. She was previously group Treasury and Accounting Director at the Miller Group and until recently Independent Chair of the Audit Committee of the University of the Highlands and Islands. Her significant Accounting Experience will support the SFC's role in the rigorous monitoring of all spend including infrastructure investment. She is a member of the public sector committee of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland and a mentor for their ICAS Foundation, which supports disadvantaged young people entering financial education.

The appointments will be for four years and will run from 4 October 2015 to 3 October 2019.

The reappointments are part-time and attract a remuneration of £327.46 per day for a time commitment of 3 days per month.

Maggie Kinloch is a member of the Creative Scotland Board and receives no remuneration for a time commitment of 1 day per month.

Keith Nicholson is a Member of Scottish Natural Heritage and receives £8,500 per annum for a time commitment of 2-3 days per month. He is also a Member of the Scottish Environment Protection Agency and receives £6,500 per annum for 2-3 days per month. He is also the Chair of Revenue Scotland and receives £385 per day for three days a month.

Professor Muscatelli and Marlene Wood do not hold any other public appointments.

This reappointment is regulated by the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland.

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. Anton Muscatelli, Keith Nicholson, Maggie Kinloch and Marlene Wood have not undertaken any political activity in the last five years.