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Members Reappointed to Scottish Social Services Council

The Minister for Children and Young People, Clare Haughey MSP, today announced the reappointments of Alan Baird and Theresa Allison as Members of the Scottish Social Services Council.

MEMBERS

Alan Baird is a registered social worker with more than 40 years of experience in a variety of practice and leadership roles in local and Scottish Government. Using both his professional and family experiences as a carer, he remains committed and highly motivated to support our most vulnerable citizens and, as a Member of the Scottish Social Services Council, he contributes to the development of the workforce and protection of the public through supporting high standards of practice. Similarly, in his position as a Trustee with Dundee Carers Centre, he is able to use his knowledge and skills to support Dundee's unpaid carers.

Theresa Allison worked in the charity sector for over 25 years with a particular focus in social care. She is an individual with excellent knowledge and understanding of the function of the Scottish Social Services Council.

REAPPOINTMENT

The reappointments will be for three years. The terms will begin on 1 September 2021 and will run until 31 August 2024.

These reappointments are regulated by the Ethical Standards Commissioner.

REMUNERATION

These reappointments are part-time and attract a remuneration of £154.13 per day on a pro rata basis for a time commitment up to 5 days per month.

OTHER MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS

Alan Baird and Theresa Allison 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.

Alan Baird and Theresa Allison have had no political activity within the last five years.

BACKGROUND

The Scottish Social Services Council is the regulator for the social service workforce in Scotland. Their work means the people of Scotland can count on social services being provided by a trusted, skilled and confident workforce. They protect the public by registering social service workers, setting standards for their practice, conduct, training and education and by supporting their professional development. By doing this they increase the protection of people who use services. Where people fall below the standards of practice and conduct they can investigate and take action.