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## Board Chair Reappointed to the Board of Scottish Canals

The Minister for Transport and the Islands, Humza Yousaf MSP today announced the reappointment of Andrew Thin as the Chair of Scottish Canals.

Andrew Thin - Andrew holds an honours degree in applied science, a Master's degree in business administration and a post graduate diploma in marketing. He has worked in both the public and private sectors, in Scotland and overseas. He has extensive experience of operating at board level in public bodies, including as the first Convenor of the Cairngorms National Park Authority, Chairman of Scottish Natural Heritage, as a Scottish Government Non-Executive Director and a member of the National Group on Community Planning. Andrew has been appointed as the Chair of the Scottish Land Commission from 1 April 2017 and is also a Non-Executive Director of Marine Scotland. He lives with his wife and two children just outside Inverness, and devotes his spare time to running, hillwalking and a very small smallholding.

### Reappointments

This appointment will be for three years and will run from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2020.

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 currently sits on the Board of Children's Hearings Scotland and receives £161 per day for a time commitment of 13 days per annum. He has been appointed as Chair of the Scottish Land Commission commencing on 1 April 2017, and will receive £xxx per day for a time commitment of XX days.

### 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 British Waterways Board - is a Scottish public body which is responsible for the statutory maintenance and the future development of Scotland's canals and regeneration of the areas around the canal network. Scottish Canals operate in line with Scottish Government policy.