

New Chairman at NTS

Sir Kenneth Calman is appointed Chairman of the National Trust for Scotland.

His appointment, which must be formally ratified at a meeting of the Trust's Council next month, will commence after the Trust's Annual General Meeting in September. He will succeed Dick Balharry who took on the role on an interim basis in January 2010.

Welcoming the appointment, the Trust's President, the Duke of Buccleuch, said:

"Sir Kenneth has a wealth of strategic and leadership experience gained throughout an impressive career. We are enormously fortunate to secure the services of someone who combines that experience with passion for our heritage and who is thus well-qualified to guide the Trust through the next steps of its journey following the conclusion of George Reid's Strategic Review."

Sir Kenneth was selected by the Trust's Nominations Committee and a Selection Panel which included the Trust's President, and representatives from its Council and Board. The Trust was assisted by a headhunting firm, Munro Consulting who helped ensure that the net for possible candidates was widely cast and that the process was objective and rigorous.

The Duke of Buccleuch added that the Trust was enormously appreciative of the interest expressed in the position by a number of very well qualified individuals. He believed this showed wide recognition of the Trust's key place in Scottish civic society and the importance placed on helping it to move forward.

The NTS published its annual financial statements earlier in the month for the year to February 2010 showing a slightly

improved picture on earlier years. You can see the statements here.