

# Robin Harper Joins the Board of National Trust for Scotland

☒ Others are looking forward to the political fight in May but retiring Green MSP, Robin Harper, is planning his life after politics.

He said today:-“I am delighted to announce my election to the new board of the National Trust for Scotland. I will be starting work on the board just a few days after standing down from parliament, and am looking forward to it very much. I am sure the work will be as exciting and rewarding as my last twelve years in the Parliament, and it looks as if I will be quite busy enough not to miss it!”

Harper explained that, in his opinion, it will be a very strong board with the skills and experience to assist in securing the future of NTS. From a good starting point with reassuring improvements in legacies and donations this year, although in the long term there is no room for complacency.

Robin was elected as the UK's first ever Green Parliamentarian in the Scottish Parliament elections, May 1999, representing the Lothians. He is Co-Convenor of the Scottish Green Party. Robin is Convenor of the Scottish Parliament's Cross Party Group on Architecture and the Built Environment, Convenor of the Scottish Parliament Renewable Energy Group (SPREG) and Convenor of the Cross Party Group on Children and Young People.

Robin Harper has stood for the Greens at local, national and European elections since 1986. He was elected as Lothians first Green MSP, indeed Britain's first Green parliamentarian on 1st May 1999. In May 2007, he was elected for the third time to the Scottish Parliament, representing the Lothians in

May 2007. He is married with one stepson.