

National Trust for Scotland appoint Deputy Chairman

✘ A new figurehead has been appointed at conservation charity, the National Trust for Scotland.

Professor Ian Percy has been named as its new Deputy Chairman.

Professor Percy has served on the conservation charity's Board since February 2011. He has taken on the role of Deputy Chairman after Julian Birchall's term ended on the Board in September 2013.

Trust Chairman Sir Kenneth Calman said:-“I am pleased that Ian has agreed to take on this important role on the Board. Over the last few years, we have all benefited greatly from his wise counsel, financial expertise and strategic thinking. The Trust is on a journey of change and it needs leadership of this quality and vision to continue in our mission to conserve and promote our heritage.”

Professor Percy has wide experience in governance in the public and private sectors having held a number of chairmanships including Companies House, the Accounts Commission for Scotland, Audit Scotland, Kiln plc, Cala plc and Queen Margaret University and was Deputy Chairman of the

Weir Group plc, Ricardo plc and Scottish Provident.

He became a Trustee of the National Trust for Scotland having been a member of the Steering Committee overseeing the independent review of the Trust conducted in 2009/10. Professor Percy is married with two daughters, has five grandchildren and enjoys playing golf and fishing.

He is a Freeman of the City of London, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, a Companion of the Institute of Management, Honorary Professor of Accounting and Doctor of Law at Aberdeen University and was awarded a CBE for service to the accountancy profession and local government in 1996. He lives in Edinburgh and Badachro near Gairloch in Wester Ross.

Professor Percy is taking a keen interest in the progress of the Signature Project at Inverewe Garden and Estate. These are projects which will be seen as exemplars for the entire organisation, showing how to look at the potential of properties and plan for their successful future in a whole new way.