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HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION

A Paper by Bill Callaghan, Chair, Health and Safety Commission

Appointment of Danny Carrigan, member of the Health and Safety Commission, as Chair of the Partnership on Health and Safety in Scotland (PHASS)

Cleared by Bill Callaghan on 5 March 2007

Issue

1. Margaret Burns, member of the Health and Safety Commission will be stepping down from her role as Chair of the Partnership on Health and Safety in Scotland (PHASS) at the end of March 2007. HSC is asked to agree the appointment of Commissioner Danny Carrigan as Chair of PHASS.

Timing

2. For this meeting to enable Danny Carrigan to take on the role of Chair of PHASS on 1 April 2007.

Recommendation

3. That the Commission :
 - (a) agrees the appointment of Danny Carrigan as Chair of PHASS to take effect on 1 April 2007 (see para. 5 below)
 - (b) places on record its appreciation of the contribution made by Margaret Burns during her time as Chair of PHASS (see para. 4 below)

Background

4. Margaret Burns formally took on the role of Chair of PHASS in April 2005. She has been highly effective in co-ordinating the views of Scotland's stakeholders including reserved and devolved government and in promoting the benefits to people, business and the Scottish economy, of working in safe and healthy environment. The achievements of PHASS and the progress that has been made in co-ordinating the work of stakeholders in Scotland is set out in HSC paper 07/30, "Developments in HSC/E's work in Scotland and Wales". **The Commission wishes to place on record its appreciation of the contribution made by Margaret Burns during the two years she has served as Chair of PHASS.**

5. Margaret Burns was appointed as a member of the Commission in 1998 – her appointment ends on 31 March 2007. **The Commission is asked to agree the appointment of Commissioner Danny Carrigan as Chair of PHASS to take effect on 1 April 2007.** Danny Carrigan has many years experience of working to improve health and safety in Scotland as a trade union officer, including as Scottish Regional Secretary for Amicus, and in other capacities including as chair of the Joint Industry Board responsible for regulating electrical contracting in Scotland.

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