

# A new Board and a new era for HCC

Appointed to the HCC Board with effect from 1 April 2017 are:

Barrie Jones  
Catherine Smith  
Claire Louise Williams  
Gareth Wynn Davies  
Helen Howells  
Huw Davies  
Illtud Dunsford  
John T Davies  
Ogwen Williams  
Rachael Madeley Davies

The recruitment exercise for the new Board sought to attract a more diverse field of candidates with broad experience and a good knowledge of the agriculture sector in Wales.

The Cabinet Secretary said:

“I was seeking to deliver a Board able to support and challenge the executive around the key areas of strategic planning, corporate governance and marketing. Reflecting on Kevin Roberts’ recommendations from his recent review of HCC, I wanted individual Board members able to communicate and engage directly and effectively with levy payers.

“I am particularly pleased the process has delivered a gender-balanced Board reflecting the diverse talent within agriculture in Wales. I want to see more women in important leadership roles.”

While ten candidates were recommended for Board appointment, the Selection Panel did not feel able to recommend any of the applicants for appointment to the vacant Chair role.

The Cabinet Secretary added:

“The role of HCC in a post Brexit world will be even more important. We need a Chair able to lead the organisation into this new uncertain era and I will shortly launch a new recruitment exercise to find the person able to take on that important role. In the meantime, I have asked Kevin Roberts, who undertook the recent review of HCC, is the current independent Chair of Amaeth Cymru, and who has considerable experience of the industry and levy bodies, to take on the role of Chair on an interim only basis. I am grateful Kevin has agreed to serve for the short period needed while the new recruitment exercise runs its course.”