

Appointment of Members to the Board of Natural Resources Wales announced

Catherine Brown and Professor Steve Ormerod have been appointed for three years, together with Julia Cherrett, Dr Rosie Plummer and Professor Peter Rigby who have been appointed for two years. They will join the five current members of the Board and the recently appointed Interim Chair, Sir David Henshaw.

The members who are leaving the Board at the end of October are Dr Madeleine Havard, Andy Middleton, Dr Ruth Hall, Nigel Reader and Sir Paul Williams.

They have each completed six years of service on the Board of NRW, including five months in advance of NRW's launch in April 2013.

The Board now has three people who are able to speak Welsh. In an effort to strengthen these skills on the Board, the Cabinet Secretary has asked the Advisory Assessment Panel to look again at those who applied and are able to converse fluently in Welsh. The intention is to appoint someone before the end of this year, taking the number of Board members to 12, including the Chief Executive.

The Cabinet Secretary said:

“Natural Resources Wales is responsible for sustainably managing, maintaining and using Wales’ natural resources and I attach great importance to its role and the work of its board. I am pleased to announce the new members to help the organisation in their important work. In addition, I would like to thank the outgoing Board members for their commitment and support to NRW over the years.”

Sir David Henshaw:

“I am very pleased to have the opportunity to work with these new members. They, together with the existing members, will help me in my role to support this organisation to building more effective structures and ways of working.”