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## **UK Sport reappointment and extensions**

Hugh Robertson, Minister for Sport and the Olympics has reappointed Louise Martin as the UK Sport Board Member, representing Scotland. The appointment will be for a term from 1 June 2011 to 31 March 2014.

He has also extended the terms of Rod Carr and Chris Holmes as UK Sport Board Members from 19 September 2011 to 31 March 2013.

## **Biographical notes**

### Louise Martin

Louise was elected the Hon Secretary of the Commonwealth Games Federation for a third term at the General Assembly in 2007 and was awarded the CBE for services to the Commonwealth Games in 2003. She competed in the 1962 Commonwealth Games in Australia, making the swimming finals in the 100m and 200m backstroke. In November 2007 Louise led Scotland's successful bid to bring the 2014 Commonwealth Games to Glasgow and is now Vice Chair of the Organising Committee. Louise was awarded the most prestigious Loving Cup for Services to Glasgow by the city's Lord Provost. In May 2008, Louise was appointed Chair of sportscotland after previously serving on the Boards of both sportscotland and the Scottish Institute of Sport.

### Rod Carr

Rod has been Chief Executive of the Royal Yachting Association since December 2000, having previously been Racing Manager and Performance Director, Team Manager for the Atlanta Olympic Games, and Team Coach in Los Angeles, Seoul and Barcelona. Rod was the architect of the RYA World Class Performance programme for sailing which has claimed unprecedented medal success in the Sydney, Athens and Beijing Games. His standing in British sport was rewarded in 2000 when he was asked by the British Olympic Association to be Deputy Chef de Mission for the whole of Team GB at the Sydney Olympics. He was awarded an OBE in 2005.

### Chris Holmes

Chris Holmes is Britain's most successful individual Paralympic swimmer winning nine Paralympic gold medals, including six at a single Games. He was a member of the Great Britain swimming team from 1985-2001 and competed at four Paralympic Games, two World and seven European Championships. He was awarded the MBE in 1992 for services to British sport. Prior to joining the UK Sport board Chris was a member of the Awards Panel for four years and a member of the UK Sports Institute implementation panel. Chris is Director of Paralympic Integration at London 2012, a position he has held since 2009. Prior to this Chris was a practicing lawyer at international firm Ashurst. A former board member at the Disability Rights Commission, Chris has also worked as a freelance journalist and broadcaster



at sporting events across the world and undertakes regular speaking engagements for corporate, sporting and community based organisations.

## **Background**

1. UK Sport was established by Royal Charter in 1996, and is accountable to Parliament through the Department for Culture, Media and Sport for working in partnership to lead the UK to World Class success. UK Sport: supports sports and athletes to achieve Olympic and Paralympic success by developing the UK's high performance system; co-ordinates the bidding and staging of major sporting events at the UK level; and works to increase the UK's sporting activity and influence overseas. UK Sport receives approximately £115m exchequer and lottery funds per year. Options are currently being considered as to how UK Sport and Sport England can work more closely together from April 2013.
2. Under the terms of the Royal Charter for UK Sport, board members representing the Home Country Sports Councils in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales are nominated from among the board members of those bodies by Ministers in the respective Devolved Administrations, and are appointed by the Secretary of State for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport.
3. Rod Carr and Chris Holmes were appointed to the UK Sport on 19 September 2005 and reappointed for second terms on 19 September 2008.
4. Remuneration is payable at the rate of £218 per day, for up to 24 days per annum.
5. All public appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the appointment process. However, in accordance with the original Nolan recommendations, there is a requirement for appointees' political activity (if any declared) to be made public.