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PETER FELL, BOB OWEN AND PROFESSOR DAVID PHOENIX APPOINTED TO THE BOARD OF THE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY

Barbara Follett, the Minister for Culture, announced today that Peter Fell has been appointed as Vice Chair and that Bob Owen and Professor David Phoenix have been appointed as Trustees of the Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester. Their terms of appointment will run from 4 June 2009 to 3 June 2012.

Biographical notes

Peter Fell

Peter Fell has since 2000 been the Director of Regional and Economic Affairs at the University of Manchester. He has a responsibility for managing the University's complex civic and regional strategic relationships. Peter has worked previously at a senior level for a number of public bodies including the North West Regional Assembly, Stockport Council and Merseyside TEC. Peter sits on numerous regional and national boards and committees. He is Chair of Arts About Manchester and Audiences North West, a Board Member of the Cornerhouse and a Member of Council for Tate Liverpool. He is regional Chair of the RSA and a Member of the RSA council. Peter is a Member of the Muslim Heritage Advisory Group and the CBI Regional Council, and one of the founding Board Members of the new Manchester College. He is a Trustee of the Manchester Monastery and honorary Strategy and International Affairs Advisor to the Foundation for Science Technology and Civilisation. Peter obtained a Masters degree from King College, University of Cambridge in History.

Bob Owen

Bob Owen, a Chartered Engineer, retired from his senior role at Siemens in January 2008. He is Chair of the Joule Centre for energy Research & Development and is a Trustee of the Congleton District Voluntary Action Group. Previous posts have included Deputy Chair of the Governing Council of UMIST and a Member of the Board of Governors of the University of Manchester.

Professor David Phoenix

Professor David Phoenix is currently employed as a Professor of Biochemistry at the University of Central Lancashire and is Deputy Vice Chancellor (Strategic Planning and Performance Management). He previously worked as Editor in Chief of the Journal of Biological Education and Biologist, Head of School/Dean of Science and is an advisor to a substantial educational group in India. He has held previous roles as a Trustee of the Institute of Biology and was a founder member of the Lancashire Centre for Medical Studies and the EU funded centre for European Citizens Quality of Life (EQuAL). He is a Science and Engineering Ambassador with SETPOINT and has represented the UK on European Committee for Biological Organisations (ECBA) where he was chair of the professional membership and accreditation committee.

Background

The Museum of Science and Industry is the largest science and industry museum to be situated in historic, industrial buildings in the UK. It is situated on the site of the world's oldest surviving passenger railway station and among its five listed buildings are the original station building and warehouse that formed the Manchester

terminus of the Liverpool to Manchester passenger railway, opened in 1830. Since opening in 1969, the Museum has continually developed and expanded to house its growing collection and increasing number of visitors. The next exciting phase of the development is entitled 'Revolution MOSI'. This is a £60m project with ambitious expansion plans designed to transform the Museum into a truly world-class cultural destination with very broad appeal.

Members of the Board have statutory responsibilities for the custody of the collections and the overall management of the Museum under the terms of the National Heritage Act 1983. They also have corporate responsibility for the control of the Museum and to ensure that the Museum complies with any statutory or administrative requirements for the use of public funds.

The appointments process was carried out in accordance with the code of practice of the Office of the Commissioner for Public Appointments. Appointments are made on merits and political activity plays no part in the selection process. Peter Fell, Bob Owen and Professor David Phoenix have not undertaken any political activity during the past five years.