

## **Press Notice**

Eileen Mackay CB has been reappointed to the Board of the British Library Board for a period of four years from 17 July 2007.

### **Biographical details**

#### **Eileen Mackay CB**

Eileen Mackay was a non-executive Director of the Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc, Edinburgh Investment Trust plc, and Scottish Financial Enterprise until her retirement in 2005. She is also chair of the trustees of the David Hume Institute, and a trustee of the Carnegie Trust for the Universities of Scotland where she chairs the audit committee. Previously, Miss Mackay had pursued a civil service career holding posts in Scotland, HM Treasury and the Cabinet Office. She was Principal Finance Officer at the Scottish Office. In the latter post she was responsible for resource allocation and budgetary and monitoring processes, oversight of the internal audit function, arrangements for ensuring compliance with the rules of Government Accounting and personal responsibility to advise Ministers and top management on issues of accountability and propriety. Miss Mackay was educated at Dingwall Academy and the University of Edinburgh where she obtained a Masters of Arts in Geography. She is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, the Royal Scottish Geographical Society and the Chartered Institute of Bankers in Scotland. She was recently appointed as a Governor of the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama. Eileen Mackay was awarded CB (Companion of the Bath) in 1996.

Eileen Mackay has not carried out any political activity during the last five years.

### **Notes for Editors**

1. The British Library is one of the greatest research libraries in the world. It underpins the UK's contribution to research, scholarship and business innovation, and has a mission to help people advance knowledge to enrich lives. It is a world class cultural institution with a vital role as holder of the national memory; its renowned collection of over 150 million items is housed on 360 miles of shelving at its award winning building at St Pancras and its northern site in Yorkshire. It continues to adapt its role in a complex and fast-changing technical and publishing environment.
2. Appointments to the British Library Board are made under the British Library Act 1972.
3. Part-time members of the Board receive remuneration of £8,660 per annum.
4. This re-appointment has been made in accordance with the Office of the Commissioner for Public Appointments' Code of Practice.