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Nigel Walker re-appointed as Board Member of UK Sport

Gerry Sutcliffe, the Minister for Sport, has re-appointed Nigel Walker to the board of UK Sport. His appointment is for the three years from 3 July 2009 to 2 July 2012.

Nigel Walker

Nigel Walker first achieved world class recognition as an athlete when he represented Great Britain as a high hurdler on 30 occasions at major events including the World Championships and the Olympic Games. He retired from athletics in 1992 to pursue a second sports career as a rugby union player with Cardiff RFC and Wales.

Outside of sport he has worked in the media, hosting various radio and television programmes while also serving as Player Development Manager and Assistant Team Manager with the Welsh Rugby Union. His current position is Head of Change and Internal Communications for BBC Wales. Nigel joined the UK Sport Board in 2006 and chairs the Major Events Panel. He holds no other public appointments.

Background

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. It co-ordinates overall policy on the support of elite sport and major events at the UK level, and co-ordinates a UK-wide approach to any international issues.

Appointments and re-appointments to the Board of UK Sport are made by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, and follow the OCPA Code of Practice. Board members receive £215 per day worked, on the basis that they will devote approximately one to three days per month to the task. All public appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. However, in accordance with the original Nolan recommendations, there is a requirement for defined political activity in the last five years (if any declared) to be made public. Mr Walker has declared no such political activity.