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JANETTE HARKESS APPOINTED AS SCDI POLICY DIRECTOR

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Leading economic development body the Scottish Council for Development and Industry has appointed Janette Harkess as the organisation's new Director of Policy and Research, with responsibility for the organisation's agenda-setting work on the economy, energy, international trade and connectivity at a Scottish, UK and European level.

Janette said: "I am delighted to be joining SCDI at such a vital time for informed debate and new thinking. I look forward to adding my experience and energies to the team at SCDI and to working with members and stakeholders to explore and develop the issues which are vital to assuring a sustainable and successful future for Scotland."

SCDI's Chief Executive Dr Lesley Sawers commented: "Janette brings considerable experience and insight to the policy and research work of SCDI, and our work to focus political debate on the areas that matter to business and the economy. We know that she will be a valuable addition to our team as we look to build on our proud history of influence in key areas to Scotland's economic development, such as energy, connectivity, finance and international trade."

She continued: "This is very much the next step in reinvigorating our policy work, and we intend to continue to strengthen and develop the SCDI policy team under Janette's leadership and to seek to build on our reputation as Scotland's leading independent economic development organisation."

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