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New Chair as Sacro Reaches £10 million

Sacro, Scotland leading community justice organisation, has appointed Paul Morron, MBE as Chair, taking over from Niall Campbell, approved by the board at the AGM on 11 October 2007.

The new appointment comes at a time when the Sacro's turnover has reached £10 million and the organisation provides 75 services, in 35 locations across Scotland. These services operate in the areas of youth justice, criminal justice, community mediation and work in schools, with a total of 15,250 service users and 500 staff and volunteers.

Paul Morron MBE, said

"Sacro has seen substantial growth over the last six years under Niall's stewardship. I am looking forward to playing a key role in leading the organisation to even greater strength, in what I see as a very interesting and challenging environment. Prison numbers are still rising, although recorded crime is down, and the public are rightly asking for greater understanding of our justice system. The new Scottish Government has already made some very positive moves to address some of the most pressing issues in the community justice system.

"In this climate, there is huge potential for an organisation with the breadth of experience and dedication that I see here at Sacro. Working with related agencies and partners we can meet the needs of the community justice system and make communities safer."

Paul Morron MBE was previously consultant to the then Scottish Executive on the introduction of Drug Courts in Scotland. He has been involved in criminal justice in Scotland for over three decades and was previously Head of Criminal Justice Social Work Services in Glasgow City Council and Assistant Director of Social Work in Strathclyde Regional Council.

A founder member of, both Sacro and Victim Support Scotland, Paul introduced Community Service Orders in Scotland and has represented the Association of Directors of Social Work on the Universities of Stirling and Edinburgh Advisory Committee on their MSc course on Criminal Justice Social Work. For over 20 years he was the principle trainer on social work for new sheriffs, first for the Sheriff's Association, then the Judicial Studies Board for Scotland.

Robert Marshall, Director of External Planning & Marketing at the University of Glasgow, has been appointed Treasurer.

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