

BOARD APPOINTED TO OVERSEE £100M NI FUND

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(L-R) Deborah Brown, Lindsay Todd, Stephen Kirkpatrick, Patrick McClughan and Peter Toogood

A highly experienced board has been appointed to oversee and scrutinise a recently launched £100m investment project, which is designed to provide debt finance for real estate, regeneration, low carbon and infrastructure projects across Northern Ireland.

Forde May Consulting, a Belfast-based recruitment company which specialises in filling senior executive and board positions, is behind the series of appointments.

Stephen Kirkpatrick has been named chairman and will draw on his extensive experience in the UK and Irish banking sectors having held a number of non-executive roles. He also chairs the board at BDO Northern Ireland.

He will be joined by Lindsay Todd, a former equity partner at PwC, who will bring 25 years of insight to the shaping of the initiative. Patrick McClughan, chief executive of Western Building Systems, will also sit on the board.

The trio will be joined by Peter Toogood, director of finance and corporate services of the Executive Office, and Deborah Brown, finance director for the Department for Communities.

The £100m fund is designed to help stimulate under-performing areas of the Northern Ireland economy, with CBRE Capital Advisors [having been appointed as manager](#).

Kirkpatrick said: "I'm delighted to come on board, alongside my highly experienced and committed colleagues, to oversee this positive investment in Northern Ireland projects.

"Without a current Executive in place, it is important that plans and funds are still moving forward and progressing in Northern Ireland. This fund will act as a real stimulus to income and economic growth for the region."