

## **SCC Comment on Prime Minister's Statement**

24<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Responding to the announcement that Theresa May will step down as Prime Minister, Dr Liz Cameron OBE, Chief Executive of the Scottish Chambers of Commerce, said:

“We wish the Prime Minister well and thank her for her decades of public service. We also acknowledge her status as the UK’s second female Prime Minister as a role model for girls and women across the world to follow in their own ambitions for leadership.

“We now urge our political leaders to put country before personal ambitions to ensure focus remains on solving the Brexit riddle. Westminster has already squandered far too much time going around in circles. They must realise that lack of direction has real-world economic consequences, causing the collapse of business confidence, which has a deleterious impact on investments and jobs.

“Any leadership contest must be swift and followed urgently by a clear plan to break the impasse. The clock is still ticking down to 31st October, regardless of who is in Downing Street. A new Prime Minister must work to avert a messy and disorderly exit from the EU. At the same time, preparations must continue to ensure that government, its agencies and our communities are as ready as they can be for all possible eventualities.”