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**Chair of the Board of the Regulator of Social Housing**

Further to my letter of 4 July, I am writing to notify you that following the recent unsuccessful recruitment campaign for a permanent Chair of the Board of the Regulator of Social Housing, I have decided to extend the appointment of the current Interim Chair, Simon Dow, for a period of up to 12 months.

The extension of Simon Dow's term will allow us run and complete a new recruitment campaign. It will also ensure continuity in leadership of the Regulator at a critical time and would provide assurance to stakeholders, who would quite reasonably express concern about the Regulator operating without a Chair.

Simon has performed well as Interim Chair, and he is absolutely committed to the social housing sector. Simon is content for his term to be extended for up to 12 months when it ends on 31 August this year.

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Officials will continue to keep the Clerks informed of planning with the new campaign.

**KIT MALTHOUSE MP**