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Appointment of Victoria Wilson as interim Board member for Covent Garden Market Authority

Thank you for your letter outlining your intention to appoint Victoria Wilson as a member of the Covent Garden Market Authority for a term of nine months, without running a fair and open competition.

I understand the need for the quoracy of the Board to be placed on a firmer footing as it faces challenges with a new Chair in place, after the departure of Sir Ed Lister, and decisions regarding a major development project. You have stated that Ms Wilson's skills and experience will be beneficial for the Board to navigate these challenges over the next nine months, and her interim term will enable a full open competition to be held, with new four members in place as early as May 2020.

I note that the Cabinet Office and the Defra Permanent Secretary have given approval for this appointment to be made within the pre-election period and the CGMA board is currently at its minimum for quoracy of four members. Given this, I am content to the appointment to be made to Ms Wilson without competition.

I would be grateful if officials in your Department's Public Appointment team keep my office informed about the progress of the substantive competition for members of the CGMA Board when it launches.

*All best wishes
y sincerely
Peter Riddell*

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