

Re: FW: Request to appoint without competition - Chair of Industry Wales

6 July 2020 at 10:58

Thanks for coming back with this extra info. The Commissioner appreciates the need for the role of Chair to be urgently filled, now that the role with the CE is being sensibly split, and the current needs of Industry Wales as it leads on a recovery plan post COVID-19. He accepts the credentials of Prof Ridgway make him a good choice to lead during this time.

However, he maintains that an 18 month term would be the very maximum he would be content with, and suggests that a campaign for a substantive chair be started in Summer 2021 - a year from now - with the possibility of the new chair having a handover period with Prof. Rdgway starting in the Autumn, also enabling the new substantive chair to assist with recruitment/onboarding of new board members. He would be unlikely to consider any extensions to Prof Ridgway's 18 month interim term. Can you confirm if ministers are in agreement with this approach.

Best wishes,

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