



**The Commissioner for  
Public Appointments**

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Dear Andy,

Thank you for bringing these matters to my attention and keeping me updated during Jeremy's absence.

**Regulator of Social Housing**

I am content with the further extension of Simon Dow as the Interim Chair of the Board for an additional 9 months, until 31 May 2021 under section 3.3 of the Governance Code. As you have noted this will ensure stability whilst the competition for a new substantive Chair is completed.

**Building Regulation Advisory Committee (BRAC)**

I appreciate being updated on the future of BRAC and understand that in due course when legislation is passed, the powers of this body will be subsumed by a new committee that will advise a new Building Safety Regulator. I also understand that until this happens, BRAC must maintain function in accordance with Section 14 of the Building Act 1984 and for this reason you have explored options regarding the current board.

*Chair*

It is unfortunate that you did not consult me on the extension of Emma Clancy for an additional 3 months until 30 September 2020 after her term came to an end in June 2020. I understand this extension was to align the end of this role with another role she will be taking, but nevertheless I will be noting this as a breach which will appear in the 2020/21 Annual Report. I am however content with the extension and would appreciate your office notifying my team of the public announcement of this extension, so my website information can be updated.

I am also content with the direct appointment of the current deputy chair, Hywel Davies as interim chair until 7 May 2023 when his term comes to an end, under section 3.3 of the governance code, and note that a competition wouldn't be ideal considering the legislation that is being currently scrutinised which will determine the future of BRAC.



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*Members*

Thank you for notifying me of the reappointment of the three board members, Anthony Burd, Gavin Dunn, and Julia Evans who will now sit in their roles until July 2023. I note that this is to enable them to complete their current work until the future of the body is agreed by legislation.

If you could update my officials on the public announcements connected to these appointments and extensions that would be most helpful.

Yours sincerely,

**Peter Riddell**  
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