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**The Rt Hon Alok Sharma MP**  
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Dear Alok,

Thank you for your letter notifying me of your intention to extend Ian Campbell's term as interim Chair of Innovate UK (IUK) for an additional 9 months until 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021 under section 3.6 of the Governance Code.

I note that because the competition you initially wanted to launch in May 2019 has had to undergo changes since the March budget, this new extension will now allow Ian Campbell, and the CEO of UKRI Dame Ottoline Leyser to oversee the future campaign together. I also note that this extension will allow Ian Campbell to provide stability and continuity to IUK during these challenging times.

As such, I am content with the extension of Ian Campbell, and would appreciate if your officials could keep me informed as to the progress of appointing a new Chair in due course.

Best wishes,

**Peter Riddell**  
**Commissioner for Public Appointments**