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Kwasi Kwarteng MP
Secretary of State
**Department for Business,
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Dear Kwasi,

Thank you for your letter regarding your decision to extend for a further six months the appointment of Professor Alison Park as interim Executive Chair of the Economic and Social Research Council. I am in full agreement. I note the hope and intention that this should give you sufficient time to finish the competition for a substantive Executive Chair within the extended period, especially as the permanent position has already been vacant for some time.

All best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Peter Riddell
Commissioner for Public Appointments