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Dear Chief Executive

We are now entering the final stages of work to prepare for the transfer of regulation functions to the HCA's Regulation Committee, so there continues to be a steady progress in putting the necessary arrangements in place. As I promised in my last letter, I will continue to update you on the most important elements of those arrangements.

### **HCA and the Regulation Committee**

Since my last letter, the first piece of secondary legislation commencing the Localism Act has come into force. The HCA is able to establish a Regulation Committee which initially has powers to make the preparations necessary to exercise its functions ahead of taking responsibility for regulation when the TSA closes.

The HCA has formally resolved to establish the Committee, so it will have its first formal meeting to determine its procedure and similar matters.

We are still awaiting an announcement on the appointment of Regulation Committee members, and I will include this in a future letter, although any appointments by DCLG will, in any case, be made public before then.

The TSA Board and myself will be working with the new Regulation Committee to ensure that we provide as much assistance and support to them as possible to enable the Regulation Committee to operate effectively with a new regulatory framework when the TSA's powers transfer to the Committee at the beginning of April.

### **Statutory consultation on changes to the regulatory framework**

Our consultation proposals on changes to the Regulatory Framework are available on our website at:

<http://www.tenantservicesauthority.org/server/show/nav.15065>



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We are now approaching the closing date for this consultation which is on 10 February 2012. We have been working with a number of our stakeholders to enable us to undertake active consultation on our proposals. These conversations have been extremely helpful to us and to participants in developing a better understanding of the purpose of our proposals and how we plan to operate them. They have also been helpful in identifying those areas where we will need to consider consultation responses to improve and clarify the Regulatory Framework documents.

We look forward to receiving consultation responses from those who wish to make them and will be working throughout the period through to March in evaluating these and developing our proposals for the final form of regulatory framework to put to the TSA Board for their decision in March 2012.

In parallel with this, I would also remind you that we are consulting on our Accounting Direction, and this consultation runs until 6 March 2012. Details at:

<http://www.tenantservicesauthority.org/server/show/ConWebDoc.21659>

### **NROSH+ - Regulatory Data**

Last year, we consulted on changes to our regulatory data collection arrangements ahead of the changes to the regulatory framework.

The Regulator will not be proactively monitoring compliance with consumer regulation standards and therefore the Regulation Committee's data requirements will reflect this. As a reminder, we have combined a substantially reduced NROSH data requirement with a reduced set of regulatory data (previously through the Regulatory and Statistical Return) into a single revised system – NROSH+.

This regulatory data is only required from private registered providers, not from local authorities.

NROSH+ can be used to upload financial information (annual accounts and management letters), which is important for our effective economic regulation. Private registered providers will also be required to use NROSH+ to maintain an up to date list of key contacts within their organisation.

We have been piloting the new website and data collection forms with a number of providers. We will make the new website available to view in February and will also write to private registered providers soon with more details including the site location. To ensure private registered providers are ready to enter data from April 2012, we will ask for a contact name who can manage the NROSH+ end-to-end process within their organisation. This process includes the maintenance of contact and organisational data, the uploading of



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financial data returns and the internal circulation of information concerning the new data collection arrangements.

As ever I welcome your feedback regarding the content of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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