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Dear Chief Executive

This letter covers three areas: the recruitment of the Regulation Committee Chair, annual reports to tenants and the change to our email address.

Regulation Committee Chair – recruitment

The Localism Bill currently before Parliament sets out Government's proposed changes to arrangements for social housing regulation. I have set out in previous letters some of the implications of these changes and how we are addressing them.

One of the changes is that an independent Regulation Committee will be established within the Homes and Communities Agency which will exercise regulation functions that will be transferred from the TSA when it is abolished.

The planned timetable is for the Regulation Committee to operate from April 2012.

The process for recruiting the Chair of the Regulation Committee has now begun.

The details are available on the Whitehall and Industry Group website at:

<http://www.wig.co.uk/regchair>

The closing date for applications is 5 August 2011.

This is an important appointment for which DCLG will be seeking a highly credible individual to ensure the effective and independent operation of social housing regulation. I am therefore writing to ensure that the information concerning this role is made as widely available as possible.

Annual report to tenants

I would like to confirm arrangements relating to your annual report to tenants this year. I'm sure you are aware that, under our standards framework, you should make this report available to your tenants no later than 1 October 2011. You may also have noted that



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Government's consultation on Directions to the social housing regulator propose to require registered providers to publish an annual report to their tenants.

The Localism Bill, in addition to proposing a 'backstop' role for the regulator's intervention on consumer matters, also indicates that the regulator's power to receive these reports is repealed. Taking this into account, we do not require providers to routinely send us a copy of their 2011 annual reports.

We are committed to the current regulatory requirement that you make your reports available to your tenants by October 2011. This is because we consider that the reports fundamentally underpin the need for transparency and accountability embedded in each of the standards, and which sit at the heart of the co-regulatory approach.

This week we are sending a letter providing details of your lead contacts in the new Regulatory Engagement and Financial Analysis teams.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive

Please note: There has been an important change to our email address. The 'gsx' prefix has been replaced by 'gsi'. The correct prefix to use is now: **@tsa.gsi.gov.uk**