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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Sir Laurie

I am very pleased, by this letter, to appoint you as my Independent Adviser on Ministers' Interests.

The Independent Adviser plays a critically important role, rooted in the Ministerial Code, as a source of trusted, impartial advice on the proper management of Ministers' private interests and on adherence to the Code itself.

I have been clear that I expect the Government I lead to have integrity, professionalism and accountability at every level. I have made it a priority to appoint an Independent Adviser, to help ensure that these standards are upheld, and that the British public can have confidence in the Government's commitment to the Seven Principles of Public Life.

As set out in the Ministerial Code, which I have also reissued today, Ministers are personally responsible for deciding how to act and conduct themselves in the light of the Code and for justifying their actions and conduct to Parliament and the public. Ministers enter government because they believe in public service. They work hard because they want to make a difference to others. They do their jobs knowing it is an incredible privilege to serve. As my Independent Adviser, I know that your advice and counsel will help every member of the Government to honour this privilege.

In common with my predecessors, in considering the appointment of an Independent Adviser, I have sought to identify potential candidates who can demonstrate the critical qualities of integrity and independence; relevant expertise and experience; and an ability to command the trust and confidence of Ministers.

Having discussed the role with you, I am confident that you not only demonstrate these qualities but that you will serve in the role with distinction, in the best traditions of public service.

I propose to retain the existing Terms of Reference, as agreed with your predecessor and as published in May 2022. I will expect all Ministers to provide you with all information reasonably necessary in order to discharge your responsibilities.

In line with established practice for appointments of this nature, your appointment is made for a non-renewable five-year term and is subject to Terms of Appointment which will be provided separately. The office of Independent Adviser will continue to be supported by a dedicated secretariat of civil servants working under your direction. I look forward to receiving your first Annual Report in May 2023, together with the first List of Ministers' Interests of your tenure at the earliest available opportunity before then.

I wish you every success in this important role.

Yours sincerely



Sir Laurie Magnus CBE