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**STEVE LAMEY**

The Advisory Committee on Business Appointments has considered the application from Steve Lamey for permission to accept a full-time appointment as the Chief Operating Officer of Kelway, following his resignation from Crown service on a date yet to be confirmed.

When considering the application, the Committee noted that although, as a member of the Executive Committee, Mr Lamey will have been privy to discussions about HMRC's overall IT strategy and that, as the Director General lead for Universal Credit, he will have a good knowledge of that programme, it has been five years since he was HMRC's Chief Information Officer.

The Committee recommended to the Prime Minister that the application be approved subject to the conditions that:

- for 2 years from his last day of service, he should not become involved in any work related to contracts with HMRC or to the Universal Credit Programme; and that
- for 2 years from the same date, he should not become personally involved in lobbying Government on behalf of his new employer. Lobbying in this context means that the former civil servant should not engage in communication with Government - including Ministers, special advisers and officials - with a view to influencing a Government decision or policy in relation to their own interests, or the interests of the organisation by which they are employed, or to whom they are contracted.

The Prime Minister accepted this advice.

I should be grateful if you would ensure that we are informed as soon as Mr Lamey takes up this appointment, or if it is announced that he will do so (I enclose a form for convenience). We shall otherwise not be able to deal with any enquiries, since we do not release information about appointments which have not been taken up or announced, and this could lead to a false assumption being made about whether he had complied with the Rules. Similarly, I should be grateful if you would ask that Mr Lamey inform us if he proposes to extend or otherwise change his role with Kelway as, depending on the circumstances, it may be necessary for him to make a fresh application.

Once the appointment has been publicly announced or taken up, we will publish this letter on the Committee's website and include the main details of the application, together with the Advisory Committee's advice, in the regularly updated consolidated list on our website and in the next annual report.

**BETH WATSON**