



**BANK OF ENGLAND**

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*Dear Chancellor,*

Further to our discussions and those with the Prime Minister, I am writing to confirm my intentions regarding my term as Governor of the Bank of England.

As you will recall, I was appointed as the next Governor in November 2012 for the statutory eight-year period of office as set out in the Bank of England Act 1998. At that time, I clearly signalled my intention to serve for five years. As I testified to Parliament, that intention was driven by personal, family considerations. In addition, I believed that five years would allow a reasonable timeframe to remodel the Bank to reflect its new, much broader responsibilities, and to complete the most important elements of the domestic financial reform agenda. Five years of service would also coincide with my maximum term as Chair of the Financial Stability Board.

Since then, my personal circumstances have not changed but other circumstances clearly have, most notably the UK's decision to leave the European Union. Recognising the importance to the country of continuity during the UK's Article 50 negotiations, and notwithstanding those personal circumstances, I would be honoured to extend my time of service as Governor for an additional year to the end of June 2019. By taking my term in office beyond the expected period of the Article 50 process, this should help contribute to securing an orderly transition to the UK's new relationship with Europe.

It is an honour and a privilege to serve in this important role. I deeply appreciate your support, that of the Prime Minister, and that of colleagues at the Bank, and I look forward to continuing to promote the good of the people of the United Kingdom during this crucial time for the country.

*Yours,  
Mark*