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APPLICATION TO ACCEPT AN OUTSIDE APPOINTMENT: RICHARD MCCARTHY

The Advisory Committee on Business Appointments has considered the application from Richard McCarthy to accept an appointment as Executive Director of Capita Symonds, following his resignation from the civil service on a date to be determined.

The Prime Minister has accepted the advice of the Committee that the application be approved, on the basis that Mr McCarthy would not draw on any privileged information that was available to him as a civil servant, subject to:

a waiting period of 3 months from his last day of service, and to the conditions that;

for 2 years from the same date, he should not advise on any bid or contract directly relating to the work of the Department for Communities and Local Government or be part of any bid delegation to DCLG; and

also for 2 years from the same date, he should not become personally involved in lobbying Government, including local government, on behalf of his new employer. This condition is not intended to prevent him from having dealings with Government, including local government, as part of the normal consultation process involving issues of mutual stakeholder interest.

I should be grateful if you would ensure that we are informed as soon as Mr McCarthy take up this appointment or, if earlier, when it is announced (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 has complied with the rules. Once the appointment has been publicly announced or taken up, we will include the main details, together with the Advisory Committee's advice, in the regularly updated consolidated list on our website and in our next annual report.

If Capita Symonds wishes to include a reference to the Prime Minister's approval in a public announcement, it might be along the following lines:

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'Under the Business Appointment Rules for civil servants, Mr McCarthy applied for permission to accept this appointment. The Prime Minister, on the advice of the Advisory Committee on Business Appointments, approved the application, on the basis that Mr McCarthy would not draw on any privileged information that was available to him as a civil servant, subject to a waiting period of 3 months from his last day of service, and to the conditions that, for 2 years from the same date, he should not advise on any bid or contract directly relating to the work of the Department for Communities and Local Government or be part of any bid delegation to DCLG; and, also for 2 years from the same date, he should not become personally involved in lobbying Government, including local government, on behalf of his new employer. This condition is not intended to prevent him from having dealings with Government, including local government, as part of the normal consultation process involving issues of mutual stakeholder interest'.

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