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Rt Hon Richard Bacon MP
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Dear Mr Bacon,

APPOINTMENT OF NON-EXECUTIVE MEMBER OF THE BOARD

I look forward to meeting you, and members of the Commission, on 10 January 2023 to present Mr Alistair Conner as the preferred candidate for appointment as a non-executive member of the NAO Board. This fills the vacancy on the Board arising from Janet Eilbeck's end of tenure in October 2022. We relaunched the campaign for a new non-executive member earlier this Autumn following the disappointment of the first round when our preferred candidate was unable to proceed with the appointment for reasons outside our control.

I am delighted to recommend Alistair Conner for appointment following a rigorous search conducted in line with the Governance Code for Public Appointments. I am confident that Alistair's skills and experience in digital transformation will be an invaluable complement to the existing skills on the Board, and that he will make a full contribution as a non-executive member. The Appointment Panel, which I chaired, was impressed by Alistair's personal attributes of honesty, openness, ability to forge relationships and develop trust, in addition to his proven digital leadership experience.

I attach a short briefing note setting out information about the recruitment process including the role specification for this appointment and Alistair Conner's CV.

With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Dame Fiona Reynolds

NAO Chair