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*Cc: Lords Environment and
Climate Change Committee*

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Dear Alistair and Toby,

RECRUITMENT OF CHAIR FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

I wrote to you on 3 April about my intention to launch a recruitment campaign for a new Chair of the Environment Agency. This was launched on 11 April and closed on 27 May.

I have since made the decision to close this recruitment.

Alan Lovell will continue as Chair of the Environment Agency until at least June 2026. Alan's continued Chairmanship will maintain continuity and stability for the regulator as part of the next stage of its evolution.

Sincerely,

THE RT HON STEVE REED OBE MP