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Dear Convener,

Following my letter of 4 April 2022 informing you of the formal vesting of Consumer Scotland I am writing with a further update.

As Chair of the Board, I wanted to inform you Consumer Scotland is officially launched on Wednesday 22 June 2022. In step with our collaborative approach we are informing key stakeholders of our plans in advance.

As previously outlined, Consumer Scotland will follow a phased implementation following our launch to develop capacity over the coming months. Recruitment of key staff is ongoing and I am pleased that, following an open recruitment exercise, Sam Ghibaldan has been appointed as Chief Executive.

Our responsibilities include levy-funded consumer advocacy in the energy, post and water sectors and we have already consulted on this aspect of our work. Our Workplan for Energy, Post and Water 2022-23 will be published as part of our launch and is attached to this letter.

We will also be publishing our Interim Strategic Plan, also attached, which we will be consulting on before preparing our full Strategic Plan which will be published next Spring.

Our website at https://consumer.scot will go live on the day of our launch.

I hope you find this information helpful and I look forward to keeping in touch in future.

David Wilson