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Property Chamber Users Group

Dear Member

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PROPERTY CHAMBER

I wrote to you on 19 February setting out the process leading up to the establishment of the Property Chamber on 1 July 2013. The Chamber is taking over the functions of the Residential Property Tribunal Service, the Agricultural Land Tribunals and the Adjudicator to HM Land Registry. This letter is a further update.

I am pleased to say that the Chamber plans are on track. You may like to see the attached note which explains

- 1) The legal steps required to establish the Chamber. The necessary Orders have now been approved by Parliament and will take effect on 1 July.
- 2) The structure of the new Chamber.
- 3) The new Chamber procedural rules, which were laid in Parliament on 22 May and which, if approved, will take effect on 1 July.
- 4) The appeal arrangements.
- 5) The transitional provisions.

In addition, as foreshadowed in my last letter, you may like to note that new secondary legislation with regard to fees was laid in Parliament on 23 May. This reflects the new Chamber arrangements in the provisions for charging application and hearing fees, and updates them in line with the inflation that has taken place since they were first set.

Again as foreshadowed in my last letter, revised forms and guidance will be placed on the Justice website and will be available from 1 July. Until that time, applications should continue to be made on the current forms. The enclosed note explains how the transitional provisions will apply to such applications.

There will be no changes in the administrative support arrangements and applications will be handled by HMCTS in the same way as at present, including, in the case of RPTS, the network of five regional offices.

If you have any comments or questions, they can be sent to me at the above address or to Tom Rouse at tom.rouse@hmcts.gsi.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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