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**BrightHouse today confirms the appointment of Stuart Deane as Chairman and announces Ian Larkin as a Non-Executive Director.**

Further to the announcement made by the Company on 24 April 2018 that Stuart Deane had become Chairman-elect, he has now taken up the role of Chairman of BrightHouse TopCo Ltd and Caversham Finance Ltd. Stuart replaces Henry Staunton who has decided to step down from the Board after a four year term as Chairman.

In addition, Ian Larkin joins the Board as a new non-executive director, replacing Andrew Brown. Ian will chair the audit committee. He is CEO of Target Group, which provides technology and outsourced services to financial service companies. Ian has previously worked for Lloyds Banking Group, HBOS and Virgin Money.

On Ian Larkin's appointment, Stuart Deane said: *"I am delighted to welcome Ian to the Board. He brings a wealth of the financial services experience that is required to guide the company through its next stage of development."*

*"I look forward to working with him, and our fellow directors, to ensure that we provide appropriate challenge and robust corporate governance at BrightHouse."*

Hamish Paton, chief executive, commenting on the departure of Henry Staunton and Andrew Brown, said: *"Henry and Andrew have played significant roles in our authorisation by the FCA and the refinancing of BrightHouse's corporate bond. We'll remember their contribution to the business and I shall miss their counsel."*

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**About BrightHouse:**

BrightHouse is the UK's leading rent-to-own retail chain, providing quality branded domestic appliances, technology products and household furniture to customers on affordable weekly payments. A major employer in local communities, BrightHouse has some 280 stores nationwide and 2,600 colleagues.

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