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## **ECB proposes six-month extension to Colin Graves' term and announces timeline for appointing successor**

The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) today announced that the:

- ECB Non-Executive Directors recommend that current Chairman, Colin Graves, remain in post for an additional six-month period.
- Process of appointing the new ECB Chair will commence in September 2019.

The decision to propose an extension to Colin Graves' term as ECB Chairman, from May 2020 to November 2020, will enable him to oversee the first season of The Hundred, which forms a key component of the new game-wide five-year strategic plan, *Inspiring Generations*.

This recommendation will be put to the ECB membership for consideration at the AGM on 7 May.

The appointment of Colin Graves' successor as ECB Chair will be managed by the ECB Nominations Committee. The process will be conducted in accordance with the ECB's Articles of Association, with the new Chair being selected through an open and transparent nominations process.

Commenting on these announcements, **Lord Patel, ECB Senior Independent Director** said:

“2020 promises to be an exciting year for cricket in England and Wales. Given that Colin Graves has played a key role in overseeing the development of The Hundred, the Non-Executive Directors believe it is important to retain his services over the course of the 2020 domestic season.

“This will also provide the opportunity for the Chair elect to be able to shadow Colin Graves for a six-month period, over the course of a season, which will help ensure there is a smooth succession.”

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