

# The Payment Systems Regulator Ltd

## Minutes

Meeting: PSR Board  
Time & date of Meeting: 17 May 2023 at 11.00  
Venue: Board Room 2.38

Present: Aidene Walsh Chris Hemsley  
David Geale Faith Reynolds  
Tommaso Valletti Simon Ricketts

In attendance: Set out in Annex A

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### **1 Apologies, quorum and declarations of interest**

1.1 The meeting was noted to be quorate and proceeded to business.

### **2 Managing Director's report**

2.1 Mr Hemsley briefed the Board on a number of topical issues. Discussion included reference to the following:

- a) The future of Open Banking
- b) The final publication statement on App Scams which was due to be published on 7 June 2023
- c) Card Schemes and processing and cross border fees

### **3 FCA Update**

3.1 Mr Geale briefed the Board on the business of the FCA that was of relevance to the PSR. Discussion included reference to the following:

- a) Access to cash
- b) New Consumer Duty
- c) APP Fraud

### **4 HMT Regulatory Reforms**

- 4.1 The Board was provided with an overview of the Financial Services and Markets Bill, expected to receive Royal Assent this summer.
- 4.2 The Board discussed the work being conducted to ensure that the PSR meets the new accountability measures that will be placed on the PSR by the Bill and the changes required to the PSR's regulatory framework.
- 4.3 The Board thanked the team for the update and welcomed the progress of this work throughout 2023.

## 5 Approach to CBAs and new FSMB Requirements

- 5.1 The Board was presented with proposals to evolve the PSR's approach to Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA). It was noted that the PSR already conducts and publishes, where appropriate, CBAs to enhance its consultation process and provide an analytical framework for assessing policy.
- 5.2 In preparation for the new CBA accountability requirements within the Financial Services and Markets Bill, including the creation of the FCA CBA Panel, the Board discussed how the PSR could evolve its current approach to CBAs into a framework that will enable the PSR to meet the new CBA provisions.
- 5.3 The Board was supportive of the development of a statement of policy on CBAs.

<b>Decision</b>	<p><b>The Board agreed the proposal for development and publication of a statement of policy of CBA and delegated authority to the Executive Committee to approve:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>a draft statement which will be shared for consideration with the FCA Cost Benefit Analysis Panel once established</b></li> <li>- <b>the final statement for publication following public consultation unless substantive changes are required.</b></li> </ul>
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## 6 Horizon scanning conclusions and external thought leadership

- 6.1 The Board was briefed on current progress regarding the horizon scanning approach and ongoing external thought leadership.
- 6.2 Discussion by the Board included reference to:
- a) The PSR's payment horizon scanning approach and how it anchors and builds upon the current PSR Strategy.
  - b) Success of the recent annual plan event and upcoming engagement plans
  - c) The ongoing thought leadership by the PSR including publication of content, such as blog posts, illustrating the PSR view of the future of payments and what the PSR is doing to help achieve that future.

<b>Decision:</b>	<b>The Board approved the narrative of the horizon scanning approach which articulates the view of the payments landscape.</b>
<b>Decision:</b>	<b>The Board agreed the proposed objectives of the external thought leadership and key messages for the PSR's vision of the future of payments.</b>

## 7 PSR panel ways of working and recruitment: update and next steps

- 7.1 The Board was briefed on the ongoing engagement between the PSR and the PSR Panel (the Panel) to develop and maintain the Panel as an effective and valuable consultation mechanism for the PSR. The Board discussed the need for additional panel members and new areas of panel focus.
- 7.2 In consideration of the proposals put forward, the Board was supportive to begin an open recruitment for the Chair of the PSR Panel alongside two additional PSR Panel members. The panel executive sponsor was asked to consider payer/payee presentation in respect of additional members.

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<b>Decision:</b>	<b>In consideration of the proposals put forward, the Board was supportive to begin an open recruitment for the Chair of the PSR Panel alongside two additional PSR Panel members</b>
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## **8 Committee Reports**

- 8.1 The Board noted the Enforcement Decisions Committee Chair's Annual Report.

## **9 Matters reserved to the Board**

### Decisions of the Board

- 9.1 Minutes of the last meeting: The Board approved the minutes of the Board meetings held on 15 March 2023 and 16 March 2023, subject to minor amendment.

<b>Decision:</b>	<b>The Board approved the minutes of the Board meeting held on 15 March 2023 and 16 March 2023, subject to minor amendment.</b>
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- 9.2 Written Procedures: The Board noted following decisions taken since the last meeting:

- a) Approval of the PSR Finance Policy addendum
- b) Approval of the proposed DoFA level
- c) Approval of the presentation of the PSR Finance Policy addendum to the FCA Audit Committee.

The Board noted:

- a) the draft agendas for the PSR Board meetings on 28th June & 26th July 2023

## **10 AOB**

- 10.1 With no further business to discuss, the Chair closed the meeting.

**Aidene Walsh**  
Chair

**Annex A: Attendees****Attending all, or substantially all, of the meeting:**

Kate Fitzgerald	Head of Policy
Natalie Timan	Head of Strategy Analysis and Monitoring
Kim Turner	Private Secretary to the Managing Director

**Attending for the following items:**

4	Deren Olgun	Senior Manager- Regulatory – PSR
5	Matthew Cherry	Senior Manager - Regulatory -PSR
	Kimon Doulis	Technical Specialist – Regulatory
6	James Jamieson	Technical Specialist - Regulatory - PSR
	Tessa Lyndon-Skeggs	Senior Advisor - PSR
	Toby Parker	Senior Manager – Corporate -PSR