

The Payment Systems Regulator Ltd

Minutes

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| Meeting: | PSR Board |
| Time & date of Meeting: | 14.30 on 24 July 2023 |
| Venue: | Board Room 2.38 / Teams |
| Members Present: | Aidene Walsh Simon Ricketts Chris Hemsley Tommaso Valletti |
| Apologies: | David Geale |
| In attendance: | Set out in Annex A |

1 Apologies, quorum and declarations of interest

- 1.1 No interests in the item to be discussed were declared.
- 1.2 The meeting was noted to be quorate and proceeded to business.

2 New Payments Architecture (NPA) pre-Master Services Agreement (MSA) signing assurance

- 2.1 The Board was briefed on the assurance process undertaken regarding Pay.UK's NPA programme at this latest assurance gateway in its delivery. It was noted that the assurance process was vendor agnostic in relation to Pay.UK's tender process.
 - 2.2 Following thorough review of Pay.UK's comprehensive submission and supporting materials and also extensive engagement with them, the executive considered that Pay.UK had provided sufficient assurance at this juncture for the PSR not to raise any objection to it proceeding with its programme.
 - 2.3 The Board discussed a number of identified risks, including but not limited to the scalability and security of the system. It was noted that these risks were to be managed over the remainder of the procurement and implementation phases but did not impact this non-objection gateway. It was also noted that:
 - a) the identified risks would be closely monitored and the use of additional regulatory action would be considered as required
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- b) whilst not included in the initial scope of the system, the later inclusion of BACS payments was possible
 - c) the Bank of England's non-object process was currently underway. The Board considered the importance of the PSR being sufficiently sighted on the outcome of this work.
 - d) there was a further assurance point prior to the NPA go-live and it was noted there is a non-objection process relating to the pricing methodology contained in the illustrative direction to Pay.UK published alongside the regulatory policy statement. The Board considered that the PSR should reserve the right to implement additional assurance gateways or third-party reviews, as necessary.
- 2.4 The Board noted that the team was engaging with Pay.UK and the Bank of England colleagues in relation to the accompanying communications plan.
- 2.5 The Board agreed that Pay.UK had provided sufficient assurance and supported the executive's recommendation not to object to Pay.UK proceeding with its programme. The Board supported the intention that the PSR's letter confirming its decision draws out those areas that it will carefully monitor.
- 2.6 The Board acknowledged the huge amount of work undertaken by the team to reach this significant milestone and thanked them for their efforts.

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| Decision: | The Board agreed not to object to Pay.UK proceeding with its programme. |
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Aidene Walsh

Chair

Annex A: Attendees

Attending all, or substantially all, of the meeting:

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| Kate Fitzgerald | Head of Policy |
| Natalie Timan | Head of Strategy Analysis and Monitoring |
| Alex Olive | General Counsel |
| Oliver Hanmer | Head of Supervision & Compliance Monitoring |
| Natalie Golding | Chief Operating Officer |
| Kim Turner | Private Secretary to the Managing Director |
| Sarah Day | Company Secretary |

Attending for item 2 only:

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| Maria-Jose Barbero | Senior Manger |
| Jonathan Williams | Technical Specialist |
| Paul Rowe | Technical Specialist |
| Ian Ellis | Technical Specialist |
| Daniel Solomon | Manager |
| Ruth Hopkinson | Manager |