# **Minutes**

# **Foreign Exchange Joint Standing Committee**

10 November 2017

Location: Bank of England, Threadneedle Street, London, EC2R 8AH

Attendees: Association of Corporate Treasurers: Sarah Boyce

Bank of China: Wang Yan

Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ: Tetsuro Kono

**Barclays:** James Hassett **BNP Paribas:** Adrian Boehler

FICC Markets Standards Board: James Kemp Financial Conduct Authority: Alan Barnes

**HSBC:** Frederic Boillereau

Insight Investment: Richard Purssell

Millennium Global Investments: Lisa Scott-Smith

Saxo Bank: Kurt Vom Scheidt

Shell: Frances Hinden

The Investment Association: Galina Dimitrova

Thomson Reuters: Neill Penney UBS: Chris Purves (Alternate) UK Finance: Ronald Kent XTX Markets: Zar Amrolia

Goldman Sachs: Dan Parker (Chair, Legal Sub-committee)

Bank of England: Chris Salmon (Chair), Leone Razali (Secretariat), Tom Lynch (Secretariat),

Jonathan Grant, David Edmunds, James O'Connor, Ed Kent

Apologies: CLS: David Puth

Deutsche Bank: Russell Lascala Goldman Sachs: Kayhan Mirza Tullett Prebon: James Potter UBS: George Athanasopoulos

Wholesale Markets Brokers' Association: David Clark RBC: Isabelle Dennigan (Chair, Operations Sub-committee)

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### 1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed attendees and noted that this was an additional Foreign Exchange Joint Standing Committee (FXJSC) meeting convened to discuss the upcoming Global Foreign Exchange Committee (GFXC) meeting. For this reason nominated alternates had been allowed to attend where the main Committee member was unable to do so.

The Chair explained that the minutes of the most recent FXJSC meeting, held on 20 September, would be signed off at the FXJSC meeting on 22 November and published on the Bank of England website shortly thereafter.

Apologies were received from David Puth, Russell Lascala, Kayhan Mirza, James Potter, George Athanasopoulos, David Clark and Isabelle Dennigan. The Chair welcomed two new members: Alan Barnes and Leone Razali, who is also joining as the new lead Secretariat. The Chair also welcomed alternate attendee Chris Purves.

The Chair informed attendees that James Harvey (Rolls Royce) has stepped down from the committee, and thanked him for his contributions.

## 2. **GFXC Last Look proposal**

Leone Razali (Bank of England) gave an overview of the GFXC's draft response to their Request for Feedback on Last Look practices in the Foreign Exchange Market. <sup>1</sup> Members considered the draft response accurately reflected the feedback received. <sup>2</sup> A range of perspectives were expressed regarding the newly proposed language in the draft response. Members agreed that the draft response effectively represented the views of the FXJSC and were supportive of strengthening Principle 17 to note that Market Participants should not undertake such trading activity during the Last Look window.

## 3. **GFXC governance proposal**

The Chair summarised the proposals made in the GFXC's draft governance paper. Members had no objection to the changes outlined in the proposal.

## 4. Members' FX Global Code adherence views

Members discussed how adherence to the Code is progressing within their organisations. The institutional complexity of some larger organisations has raised challenges in signing the Statement of Commitment (SoC) and deciding which legal entity within the group signs the SoC was noted as a key challenge.

It was noted that some Foreign Exchange Committees (FXCs) had set different expectations for when members should complete the SoC. Some members suggested that it would be preferable for these different expectations to be aligned as some organisations are represented on more than one FXC.

#### 5. Any other business

Alan Barnes (Financial Conduct Authority) informed members that the Financial Conduct Authority has published a 'Consultation Paper on Industry Codes of Conduct and Discussion Paper on FCA Principle 5'. <sup>3</sup> The deadline for responses is 5 February 2018. The FXJSC Secretariat agreed to circulate the link to the consultation paper after this meeting.

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The next meeting of the FXJSC will be held on Wednesday 22 November 2017.

https://www.globalfxc.org/docs/consultation\_process.pdf

https://www.globalfxc.org/docs/gfxc\_last\_look\_request\_for\_feedback.pdf

https://www.fca.org.uk/publication/consultation/cp17-37.pdf