



Minutes

UK Money Markets Code Sub-Committee

18 May 2018

Location: Bank of England, Threadneedle Street

Attendees: **Aberdeen Standard Investments:** Gordon Lowson

ACT: Michelle Price

Aviva Investors: Mick Chadwick

BAML: Alessandro Cozzani

Blackrock: Tim McLeod

DMO (Observer): Jessica Pulay

HSBC: Ned Taylor

ICAP: Phil Chilvers

LCH: Paul Elkins

Lloyds Bank: Jamie Smith

RBS: Mark Thomasson

Bank of England: Iain Ramsay (Secretariat), Rebecca Maher (Secretariat), Thomas Jennings

Apologies:

FCA (Observer): Wladimir Kraus

GLA: Luke Webster

Hoare & Co: Andy Green

IMMFA: Jane Lowe

ISLA: Andy Dyson

MTS Markets: Oliver Clark

Nationwide: Terry Barton

1. Administrative matters

Following the former Chair's departure from the Committee announced at the previous (January) meeting, Gordon Lowson was confirmed as Chair of the UK Money Markets Code Sub-Committee with immediate effect.

Since the previous Sub-Committee meeting, the Bank of England had announced that Chris Salmon (Chair of the Money Markets Committee (MMC)) would be departing the Bank. The Bank of England had also recently announced that Sarah John, who had been closely involved in the work of both the MMC and UK Money Markets Code Sub-Committee, would be departing the Markets Directorate to become the Chief Cashier and Director of the Notes Division at the Bank.

At the previous Sub-Committee meeting, text for a new Q&A and example had been agreed by the Sub-Committee and subsequently signed off by the MMC at their March meeting. Updated *Explanatory Notes* were published on the Bank's website on 1 May 2018¹. An Appendix to the document summarises changes to the original April 2017 *Explanatory Notes*.

¹ [Explanatory Notes \(May 2018\)](#)

2. Central register

Following agreement at the previous Sub-Committee meeting the Bank had proceeded to design a UK Code central register webpage. Members discussed: the necessity of having firms' signed statements available on the register in PDF format versus a simple list of firms' names; the value of LEIs listed for those entities that had signed the statement of commitment; and the importance of making clear the date on which firms had signed the statement of commitment as a form of 'version control' should the text of the Code be updated subsequently. Relatedly it was agreed the secretariat would notify all firms that are listed on the central register ahead of the publication of a new version of the Code. Based on the Sub-Committee's discussion around design of the central register webpage the secretariat would implement agreed changes.

Members also agreed that organisations who have published statements of support for the Code – typically those who are not themselves market participants such as trade associations – should also be listed on the central register website and clearly demarcated as statements of support rather than commitment.

Regarding the launch of the central register, members agreed that (i) the Bank should contact all institutions which had emailed a signed statement of commitment to the UK Money Markets Code email address to confirm whether they agree to appearing on the central register, and (ii) trade associations should be active in raising awareness of the launch of the central register amongst their members.

3. Discussion: Refreshing the UK Money Markets Code Sub-Committee Terms of Reference

The Chair set out that the Sub-Committee's original objectives have been completed since its inception in 2016. It was therefore appropriate for the Sub-Committee to agree new terms of reference.

Members agreed with the proposal to broaden the objectives of the Sub-Committee to include that of addressing issues arising in relation to the integrity and effective functioning of the UK money markets.

Draft terms of reference will be agreed by the Sub-Committee by written procedure ahead of sign-off by the MMC.

4. Discussion: UK Money Markets Code Survey

Members discussed questions to be included in the 2018 UK Code survey.

There was general agreement that the survey should (i) focus on the central register and be used as a tool to both increase awareness of, and potentially participation in, the central register, (ii) identify which specific parts of the text of the Code – if any – have been a barrier to firms signing the statement of commitment, and (iii) ask *how* the Code is being used by market participants, for example as part of the KYC process or when setting up a new counterparty.

The secretariat would also explore possible options to supply a link to the UK Code survey on the Bank of England website, rather than individual trade associations setting up their own surveys separately as was the case in 2017. Members agreed to coordinate sending the survey and the launch of the central register.

5. AOB