

# Minutes

## Wholesale Distribution Steering Group (WDSG)

24 July 2019

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Location: **Bank of England, Threadneedle St, London EC2R 8AH (Room 10)**

Attendees: **Bank of England:** Sarah John (Chair), Martin Etheridge, Mark McLintock, Ronan McClintock, Tina Harris, Kirsty Woodgate

**UK Finance:** Rebecca Clements (alternate)

**Barclays:** No attendee

**Lloyds Banking Group:** Otto Benz

**Clydesdale/Yorkshire:** Dougie Belmore (by phone)

**HSBC:** Tom Wood

**Royal Bank of Scotland:** Richard Talbot (by phone)

**Santander:** Dave Wilson (alternate, by phone)

**Post Office:** Russell Hancock (by phone)

**HM Treasury:** Mario Pisani (by phone)

**KPMG:** Simon Walker

**KPMG:** Oliver Kirby-Johnson

Apologies: Eric Leenders (UK Finance), Russell Saunders (UK Finance), Tim Allen (Barclays), Robert White (Santander)

### Item

#### 1. Standing agenda items

- **June 2019 minutes:**

The group agreed the June 2019 minutes subject to some minor amendments.

- **Sharing information on stakeholder engagement:**

A new standing item was added to the agenda to facilitate appropriate sharing of relevant information from member engagement with stakeholders not participating in WDSG.

Recognising the confidentiality of the contents of bilateral discussions, the Bank of England noted interest from a range of stakeholders from the wider cash industry following publication of the May 2019 minutes. Areas of particular interest from stakeholders at this stage included:

- membership of the steering group; and
- plans for wider stakeholder engagement throughout the process.

No further updates were noted.

## **2. Update from UK Finance and KPMG**

KPMG provided a summary of their work-plan to help inform the future cash distribution model.

This will consist of:

1. An assessment of the potential viable end-state models informed through data analysis and stakeholder engagement.
2. A detailed blueprint setting out the operational structure and governance.
3. A transition plan.
4. An industry approved business case. Indicatively scheduled to complete Q2-2020.

The public consultation, previously agreed by the group, is expected to run at the end of this process when a sufficient level of detail on the proposed model(s) can be provided.

## **3. Review outstanding actions**

Actions were reviewed and closed where applicable.

## **4. AOB**

The group discussed whether there would be any impact on the work of the WDSG from the Future of Finance (FoF) report actions, which had been announced by the Governor at the Mansion House in June. The Bank of England commented that the FoF actions were focused on the broader payments landscape and did not change the conclusion that the work of the WDSG was necessary to ensure the future viability of cash within that landscape. The work should therefore continue as envisaged.