

Minutes

Wholesale Distribution Steering Group (WDSG)

17 February 2020

Location: **Bank of England, Threadneedle St, London EC2R 8AH (Room 1X)**

Attendees: **Bank of England:** Sarah John (Chair), Martin Etheridge, Mark McLintock, Ronan McClintock (by phone), Kevin Finan

UK Finance: Russell Saunders, Eric Leenders, Philip Mind

Barclays: Tim Allen

Lloyds Banking Group: Otto Benz

HSBC: Sue Yarham

Virgin Money UK: Dougie Belmore (by phone)

Royal Bank of Scotland: Richard Talbot

Santander: Robert White (by phone)

Post Office: Russell Hancock (by phone)

HM Treasury: Derek Dunne (Alternate)

KPMG: Simon Walker, Oliver Kirby-Johnson

Apologies: Kevin McMullan (Danske Bank), Mario Pisani (HMT), John Garrett (First Trust Bank), Julie Fitzgibbon (Bank of Ireland)

Item

1. Standing agenda items

- **January 2020 minutes:**

The group agreed the January 2020 minutes, and approved their publication.

- **Sharing information on stakeholder engagement:**

No updates were noted.

2. Project Progress

KPMG provided a progress report on their work plan for developing the future cash distribution model. The following points were covered:

1. The sprint workshops conducted in February were useful in confirming potential operational details of a utility model, including:
 - a. Any direct relationship that a utility operator might have with businesses;

- b. The implications of common operating standards across a utility operator
- c. The interaction between a utility operator and Cash in Transit arrangements;

KPMG will be delivering their final report to ISG by end-March.

3. Criteria for ending Current Phase

The group discussed the need to plan for the next phase of detailed work after public consultation. Members noted:

- That agreement to progress to the next phase would not constitute a commitment to move a new wholesale distribution model;
- That appropriate governance arrangements would be needed to oversee the next phase;
- That it would be important to reflect on responses to the public consultation in the next phase.

Members were content that detailed plans be made for the next phase of work.

4. Public Consultation

Members discussed the aims of the public consultation. Members agreed that the consultation is an important step in communicating whether a utility model meets the WDSG success criteria, and also provides the opportunity for all relevant stakeholders, including the wider cash industry, to submit feedback on the implications of a move to any new model.

Members discussed the appropriate timing of the consultation and agreed the end of phase 2 remained the appropriate time to conduct the public consultation. At this point the work would be sufficiently progressed that a clear picture of a potential future model could be presented, but would allow any feedback for the consultation to be incorporated into relevant decision making processes. Members indicated an expectation to publish for the consultation in late April / Early May 2020 with an appropriate consultation period.

Members agreed to make plans to host a second wider stakeholder event during the consultation period.

5. Review Action Log

Actions were reviewed and closed where applicable.

6. AOB None.