



## PRA Practitioner Panel – Annual Report 2016

In 2015 the PRA Practitioner Panel (Panel) continued to effectively represent the interest of practitioners by considering and providing appropriate scrutiny on significant PRA policy and regulatory developments which benefit from Panel input. This has been achieved through regular discussions with relevant PRA and Bank of England policy leads, senior management, and PRA Board members at Panel meetings.

The Panel's approach of early engagement, which was adopted in 2015, has allowed the Panel to increasingly add value to policies. The Panel is committed to continuing to provide challenge and advice to the PRA, ensuring that practitioners' views are appropriately considered.

### Panel Membership

<b>British Bankers' Association</b>
James Bardrick, UK Country Officer, Citibank Nathan Bostock, Chief Executive, Santander UK Pam Walkden, Acting Chief Risk Officer, Standard Chartered
<b>Association of British Insurers</b>
Clare Bousfield, Chief Financial Officer, Aegon UK Mike Rogers, Chief Executive, Liverpool Victoria Richard Ward, Chairman, Brit Plc
<b>Building Societies Association</b>
Ashraf Piranie, Deputy Chief Executive and Finance Director, Nottingham Building Society Mark Rennison, Group Finance Director, Nationwide Building Society
<b>The Investment Association</b>
Martin Gilbert, Chief Executive, Aberdeen Asset Management – <b>Chairman</b>
<b>Association of Foreign Banks</b>
Gary von Lehmden, Managing Director, Citi
<b>Wealth Management Association</b>
Andy Pomfret, Member, Wealth Management Association
<b>Mainland UK Credit Unions</b>
Peter Evans, Chief Executive, Police Credit Union
<b>Northern Irish Credit Unions</b>
Brian McCrory, Director, Belfast Teachers Credit Unions – <b>Deputy Chairman</b>

In 2015 one member of the Panel stood down: **Andy Briggs** (Chief Executive, Aviva UK Life) and was replaced by Mike Rogers, Chief Executive, Liverpool Victoria.

At the end of 2015 the PRA Chief Executive (Andrew Bailey) and Panel Chairman (Martin Gilbert) agreed to add an accounting specialist to the Panel. Following discussions with Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales and the Institute of Chartered Accountants Scotland, a new member will be proposed to the PRA Board for approval.



In November 2016 nine members' initial terms will expire. As outlined in the Panel's [Terms of Reference](#), members serve for a three years term with the opportunity of extending this for an additional three year term.

### Panel engagement with the PRA

The Panel met eight times during the reporting period, and members were provided with briefings from and had discussions with relevant PRA policy leads, members of PRA and Bank of England senior management, and members of the PRA Board. The minutes and key recommendations of each Panel meeting are shared with the relevant decision makers (at the Supervision, Risk and Policy Committee and PRA Board) and policy leads within the PRA and Bank of England and contribute to the policy making process.

The PRA's Prudential Regulation Directorate updated its policy making guidance providing additional advice to policy leads on Panel engagement and confirmed that all significant policy issues should be considered by the Panel. The Panel also considers items from other directorates within the Bank of England whose policies have a potential prudential impact, including; Resolution Directorate, FS Strategy and Risk Directorate and the International Division.

The Panel Chairman and the Chief Executive continue to hold quarterly bi-lateral meetings to discuss the Panel's views, strategic and other relevant issues.

### Items considered by the Panel

The Panel has increased its impact on PRA policies. The following items are examples of where the Panel provided significant added value to the policy process over the reporting period.

Issue	Description
Competition	Staff briefed the Practitioner Panel on the PRA's approach to its secondary competition objective. The session was useful for staff and helped give assurance that the PRA's approach was appropriate.
Proportionality of the EU Regime	The Practitioner Panel was invited to give views on what aspects of financial regulation were unduly burdensome. This directly contributed to the PRA's policy development.
Senior Managers Regime	The Practitioner Panel has had a number of opportunities to feed into this policy workstream. The Panel's feedback was useful in helping policy staff to understand the impact of the Senior Managers Regime on firms and has informed the implementation and supervision of the regime.
Structural Reform	The Practitioner Panel provided useful feedback on the PRA's proposed approach to reporting and gave assurance that the PRA's proposals were not unduly burdensome for firms. Further consultation will follow as the policy develops.
Remuneration	Proposals on remuneration were discussed with the Panel which supported the PRA's approach. The feedback was helpful and was used to inform the development of the PRA's policy.



## **Panel Forward Agenda**

Panel members agreed a schedule of meetings for 2016, and like 2015, will meet approximately every six weeks. The Forward Agenda will be informed by Panel members, the PRA CEO, and the Prudential Policy Directorate Senior Management Team.

It will continue to focus on items that are at an early stage of policy development, but will also include any emerging and urgent issues that would benefit from a Panel discussion (such as Basel developments) as determined by the Panel or at the request of the PRA.