

Financial Services Regulatory Initiatives Forum (FSRIF)

Minutes: May 2022

Meeting: Financial Services Regulatory Initiatives Forum (FSRIF)
Date of Meeting: 06 May 2022
Start time: 14.00
Venue: Microsoft Teams conference call
Present: Nikhil Rathi, FCA Chair
Sheldon Mills, FCA
Kate Collyer, FCA
Sam Woods, BoE/PRA
Victoria Saporta, BoE/PRA
Stuart Hudson, CMA
Mark Babington, FRC
John Owen, HMT
Rohan Lee, HMT
James Dipple-Johnstone, ICO
Chris Hemsley, PSR
Charles Counsell, TPR
(Observers from the Grid Working Group from each organisation)

Apologies: None

1 Standing items

1.1 The Committee noted there was a quorum present and proceeded to business. Nikhil Rathi (FCA) took the chair.

Declarations of interest

1.2 No declarations of interest were made in connection with any items of business on the agenda.

2 Discussion of the preliminary May 2022 Grid

- 2.1 The Forum discussed plans for the development of metrics, which could help analyse the regulatory burden on industry. The Forum agreed that such metrics would be useful in measuring the impact of initiatives but that further work was needed. The Forum aims to seek feedback on these metrics once they have been further developed.
- 2.2 The Forum agreed that the operational burden of initiatives in the preliminary May 2022 Grid is appropriate. Members discussed whether it is possible to determine an "optimal number" of initiatives but noted that this is difficult to determine because an initiative's type, purpose, and where it is in its lifecycle will affect its impact on industry. Members agreed that any significant changes to the number of initiatives in future Grids must be explainable via analysis.
- 2.3 The Forum discussed the narrative to accompany the Grid and agreed that this should incorporate the following topics: regulators' use of the Grid to monitor the regulatory burden, a reference to upcoming legislation regarding the future regulatory landscape, a strong emphasis on coordination (highlighting the Russia/Ukraine crisis as an example of this), and how the Grid assists this coordination. The Forum also agreed that the narrative's language should reflect regulators' understanding that the current geopolitical and economic situation poses challenges for both firms and consumers.
- 2.4 HMT colleagues agreed to review the Queen's Speech ahead of publication of the Grid to assess how this may impact the regulatory pipeline.
- 2.5 The Forum discussed the areas where coordination between regulators is key, including climate/sustainability, diversity and inclusion, innovation, Wholesale Financial Markets, cryptoassets and e-money, and consumer matters.
- 2.6 The Forum noted that they are happy with the Forum's current membership, but that significant coordination and sharing of intelligence is also ongoing between members and wider regulatory partners – including the Financial Ombudsman Service, the Financial Services Compensation Scheme, and the Money and Pensions Service – which Forum members should continue to consider when compiling the Grid.
- 2.7 The Forum agreed that the Grid should acknowledge feedback received from the Government's Future Regulatory Framework (FRF) Review consultation, and that the role and purpose of the Grid and Forum should be clearly restated in May's publication to help clarify their roles.
- 2.8 The Forum delegated authority to the Co-chairs, Sam Woods and Nikhil Rathi, to approve the Grid prior to publication and subject to the recommendations made by members.

Decision:

The Forum agreed the preliminary May 2022 Grid is appropriate.

The Forum agreed the topics to be included in the Grid's narrative framing.

The Forum agreed the areas for the working group to support ongoing coordination between regulators.

The Forum agreed the upcoming Grid should acknowledge feedback from the FRF review consultation.

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Action:**Owner****Timing:**

Refining of metrics for analysis of initiatives' impact.

Grid working group

Next Forum meeting

HMT to review Queen's Speech to determine whether there may be other legislation planned which might affect the Grid.

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Drafting of Grid narrative.

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Sign off finalised Grid.

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3 Any Other Business

- 3.1 Members suggested that at the next meeting, the Forum could discuss how the Grid is fed back into the policy-making process within each organisation.

The meeting closed at 14:53.