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## **FINAL NOTICE**

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**To:** **Paul Anthony Cummings**

**Address:** **Tall trees  
Stotfold Farm  
Seaton  
Seaham  
SR7 0NE**

**FRN:** **652451**

**Dated:** **24 April 2018**

### **ACTION**

1. For the reasons set out in this Final Notice, the Authority hereby takes the following action against Mr Cummings.
2. The Authority issued to Mr Cummings the Decision Notice which notified Mr Cummings that for the reasons given below and pursuant to section 55J of the Act, the Authority had decided to cancel Mr Cummings's Part 4A permission.
3. Mr Cummings has not referred the matter to the Tribunal within 28 days of the date on which the Decision Notice was given to him.
4. Accordingly, the Authority has today cancelled Mr Cummings's Part 4A permission.

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## DEFINITIONS

5. The definitions below are used in this Final Notice:

“the Act” means the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000;

“the Authority” means the Financial Conduct Authority;

“the Decision Notice” means the Decision Notice issued by the Authority to Mr Cummings dated 19 December 2017;

“Mr Cummings’s Part 4A permission” means the permission granted by the Authority to Paul Anthony Cummings pursuant to Part 4A of the Act;

“the Overdue Balance” means the outstanding sum of £395, owed by Mr Cummings to the Authority comprising an invoice for £250 for an administrative fee for late submission of a regulatory return, which was due for payment by 12 August 2016; and an invoice for £145 in respect of annual fees and levies for the period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017, which was due for payment by 10 September 2016;

“the Principles” means the Authority’s Principles for Businesses;

“the suitability Threshold Condition” means the threshold condition set out in paragraph 2E of Schedule 6 to the Act;

“the Threshold Conditions” means the threshold conditions set out in Schedule 6 to the Act;

“the Tribunal” means the Upper Tribunal (Tax and Chancery Chamber); and

“the Warning Notice” means the Warning Notice issued by the Authority to Mr Cummings dated 28 November 2017.

## REASONS FOR THE ACTION

6. On the basis of the facts and matters and conclusions described in the Warning Notice, and in the Decision Notice, it appears to the Authority that Mr Cummings is failing to satisfy the suitability Threshold Condition, in that the Authority is not satisfied that Mr Cummings is a fit and proper person having regard to all the circumstances, including whether Mr Cummings managed his business in such a way as to ensure that his affairs were conducted in a sound and prudent manner.
7. Mr Cummings has failed to pay the Overdue Balance and he has not been open and co-operative in all his dealings with the Authority, in that Mr Cummings has failed to respond to the Authority’s repeated requests for him to pay the Overdue Balance, and has thereby failed to comply with Principle 11 of the Principles and to satisfy the Authority that he is ready, willing and organised to comply with the requirements and standards of the regulatory system.
8. These failures, which are significant in the context of Mr Cummings’s suitability, lead the Authority to conclude that Mr Cummings has failed to manage his business in such a way as to ensure that his affairs are conducted in a sound and prudent manner, that he is not a fit and proper person, and that he is therefore failing to satisfy the Threshold Conditions in relation to the regulated activities for which he has had a permission.

## **DECISION MAKER**

9. The decision which gave rise to the obligation to give this Final Notice was made by the Regulatory Decisions Committee.

## **IMPORTANT**

10. This Final Notice is given to Mr Cummings in accordance with section 390(1) of the Act.

### **Publicity**

11. The Authority must publish such information about the matter to which this Final Notice relates as the Authority considers appropriate. The information may be published in such manner as the Authority considers appropriate. However, the Authority may not publish information if such publication would, in the opinion of the Authority, be unfair to Mr Cummings or prejudicial to the interest of consumers.
12. The Authority intends to publish such information about the matter to which this Final Notice relates as it considers appropriate.

### **Authority contact**

13. For more information concerning this matter generally, please contact Maria Lewis at the Authority (direct line: 020 7066 0897).

**Anna Couzens**  
**Enforcement and Market Oversight Division**