# **Financial Conduct Authority**



## Minutes

Meeting:	FCA Board	
Date of Meeting:	05 September 2013	
Venue:	25 The North Colonnade, Canary Wharf, London E14 5HS	
Present:	John Griffith-Jones (Chair)	Mick McAteer
	Clive Adamson	David Harker
	Amanda Davidson	Tracey McDermott
	Sir Brian Pomeroy	Jane Platt
	Amelia Fletcher	Martin Wheatley
In attendance:	Set out in Annex A	
Apologies:	Andrew Bailey	
	Lesley Titcomb	

#### **Quorum and Conflicts**

The Meeting noted there was a quorum present and proceeded to business.

Members were asked to declare conflicts of interest at the start of any relevant items.

#### **1** Specific Items of Business

#### 1.1 Consumer Credit

The Board noted the presentation, which focused on the proposed conduct standards for consumer credit firms and in particular the package of measures to address the risks in short-term high cost lending which would be published for consultation in October. The Executive explained that the package of measures proposed for the regulation of short term high cost credit was intended to address the risk of unaffordable lending, particularly through the levers of capping the number of rollovers and CPAs that firms could use. The Board discussed the proposals in turn.

The Board noted that the target operating model for consumer credit regulation would be seen by the Board as part of the three year plan, although the resourcing model was not yet finalised.

The Board noted that it would have another opportunity to comment on the approach to regulation of consumer credit at its meeting in September before the Consultation Paper was published.

The Board suggested the team work on providing different scenarios of what was and was not acceptable as examples to be included in the consultation.

#### 1.2 Response to Parliamentary Committee on Banking Standards (PCBS) Report

The Board noted the paper ahead of Mr Wheatley's attendance at the Treasury Select Committee on 10 September.

The Board noted that it would be asked to approve the full response to the report at its meeting on 26 September.

1.3 Crowdfunding

The Board received the report, and noted and discussed the proposed approach to regulating crowdfunding models (both equity based and Peer to Peer lending). The following key point was discussed:

 the team had carried out an assessment of the risks to the FCA's statutory objectives of the different business models and had proposed differing requirements depending on the activities undertaken, with core requirements of principles, systems, controls, client asset rules, dispute resolution rules and core conduct of business rules applicable to all.

The Board agreed that the issue of crowdfunding regulation should be discussed again at the Board meeting on 26 September before publication of the consultation in October.

1.4 HBOS – Oral Update

Mr Griffith-Jones left the meeting.

The Board noted that preparation of the HBOS report was in its final stages. The Board would receive an update on progress of the report following the next HBOS Committee meeting which would be held on 18 September 2013.

#### 2 Any other business

There was no other business.

The date of next meeting was Thursday 26 September 2013 at 25TNC

The meeting closed at 6 pm

Claire Strong Deputy Company Secretary

### **ANNEX A: Attendees**

Simon Pearce	Company Secretary	
Claire Strong	Deputy Company Secretary	
Mark Thriepland	Head of Department, General Counsel Division	
Nausicaa Delfas	Head of Department, Mortgages & Consumer Credit (for item 1.1)	
David Geale	Head of Department, Savings, Investments and Distribution (for item 1.3)	
Nadege Genetay	Head of Department, Banking, Lending and Protection (for item 1.1)	
Graeme McLean	Head of Department, Approved Persons, Passporting & Mutuals (for item 1.2)	
Zitah McMillan	Director, Communications and International (for item 1.2)	
Mark Nicol	Head of Department, Business Unit Delivery (for item 1.1)	
Dermot Whelan	Manager, Governance and Professionalism (for item 1.2)	
Christopher Woolard	Director, Policy Risk & Research (for item 1.1 and 1.3)	

Relevant Technical Specialists and Associates attended for items 1.2 and 1.3