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Music streaming

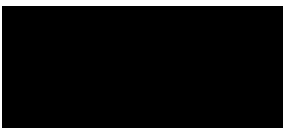
Further to my letter of 20 September,¹ I am writing to update you on a recent Board discussion of CMA work in relation to music streaming.

On 13 October, the Board considered initial proposals to carry out a markets project on music streaming. They agreed that work in this area aligned with the CMA's prioritisation principles,² and that it supported a strategic goal of the CMA to foster effective competition in digital markets, ensuring they operate in a way that promotes innovation and the consumer interest.³ On this basis, the Board agreed that there was merit in taking forward a market study. They also agreed, in the light of the concerns you have collectively expressed, that this work should be prioritised: that is, it should be the next market study that the CMA launches.

CMA staff will now prioritise more detailed further work to refine and scope this project. This will again be considered by the Board, with a view to formally commencing the market study as soon as practically possible.

Given the potential market sensitivity of this letter, I am placing it in the public domain.

Yours sincerely



Andrea Coscelli
Chief Executive

¹ [Letter from Andrea Coscelli to Julia Lopez and George Freeman](#), 20 September 2021

² [Prioritisation principles for the CMA](#)

³ [CMA Annual Plan 2021 to 2022](#)