

## MINUTES OF THE CMA BOARD

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Meeting date: 17 April 2019

Venue: Hearing Room 4, Victoria House, Southampton Row, WC1B 4AD

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### Members present

Andrew Tyrie (Chairman)  
Andrea Coscelli (CEO)  
Kirstin Baker (KB)  
Martin Coleman (MC) (by videoconference)  
Cynthia Dubin (CD)  
Amelia Fletcher (AF)  
Bill Kovacic (BK)  
Erik Wilson (EW)

### CMA staff present

Kate Bridge (KMB), Director of Executive Office and Performance  
Claire Jewell (CJ), Assistant Legal Director, Governance  
Paul Ellis (PE), Director of Finance and Security (item 6 only)  
Nick Seaford, Private Secretary to the Chairman  
Kimberley Wicks, Committees Secretary (minutes)

### Apologies

Andrea Gomes da Silva (AGS)  
Michael Grenfell (MG)  
Jonathan Scott (JS)  
Sarah Cardell (SC), General Counsel  
Mike Walker (MW), Chief Economic Adviser

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Chairman welcomed the Board members to the meeting.
- 1.2 The Chairman thanked BK for agreeing to take up his new role as a member of the CMA's Remuneration Committee.
- 1.3 The Chairman announced JS's appointment as the Board's new Senior Independent Member.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> In accordance with paragraph 35 of the Board's [Rules of Procedure](#), Non-executive Members appoint a Senior Independent Member (SIM). The term of the Board's previous SIM concluded on 31 March 2019.

### Declarations of interest, conflicts, and recusals

- 1.4 MC and the Chairman received a redacted version of papers that referenced the funerals market study, due to their previously declared conflicts.
- 1.5 MC and AF received a redacted version of papers that referenced the audit market study, due to their previously declared conflicts.

### Gifts and hospitality

- 1.6 Board members declared any gifts or hospitality that they had been offered in relation to their roles with the CMA.

## **2. CMA Board and committee minutes**

- 2.1 The Board **approved** the minutes of the CMA Board meeting held on 20 March 2019.
- 2.2 The Board **noted** the minutes of the following CMA committee meetings:
  - Executive Committee (XCo) minutes from 13 and 27 March 2019.
  - Case and Policy Committee (CPC) minutes from 7 November 2018.
  - European Union Exit Committee (EUEC) minutes from 7 and 21 March 2019.

## **3. Updates**

- 3.1 The Chief Executive provided a high-level overview of the CMA's current work.
- 3.2 EW provided a progress update on the relocation to the CMA's new London office in Canary Wharf.

## **4. EU Exit – policy, operational readiness, and state aid update**

- 4.1 The Board **was updated** on the CMA's preparations for EU Exit, particularly regarding competition, consumer, and state aid matters.

## **5. Quarterly recruitment update**

- 5.1 The Board **commended** the team on the progress made towards achieving the CMA's ambitious 2018–19 staffing targets. The team reported that it continues to explore new ways to attract talent both within the UK and overseas.

**6. CMA Nations and Regions Strategy 2017–20: annual progress update**

6.1 The Board **reviewed** the annual progress report on the CMA’s 2017–20 Nations and Regions Strategy which aims to ensure the CMA, as a UK-wide organisation, works on behalf of consumers and businesses across all nations and regions.

**7. Any other business**

7.1 The Board noted the following paper which was provided for information only:

- 2019/20 Budget Setting (BAU)