

COMPETITION AND MARKETS AUTHORITY
Minutes of the Board
London, 17 December 2015

Present:

David Currie (Chair)
Alex Chisholm (CEO)
Sarah Cardell
Andrea Coscelli
Alan Giles
Michael Grenfell
Bill Kovacic
Philip Lowe
Jill May
Annetje Ottow (by telephone
conference)
Mike Walker
Erik Wilson
Roger Witcomb

CMA staff:
Paul Latham
Rebecca Lawrence
Lee Williams (minutes)

Executive Office:
Freya Guinness
Victoria Stott

1. Introduction

Declaration of conflicts / recusals

The Chair welcomed the Board members to the meeting.

There were no declarations of conflicts or recusals in relation to the meeting agenda.

Gifts and hospitality

There were no declarations of gifts or hospitality offered or accepted in relation to Board members' roles with the CMA.

2. Review of Board minutes

The Board approved each set of minutes, subject to drafting changes.

3. Chief Executive's update

The Chief Executive updated the Board on key developments and highlights since the last meeting and provided a forward look for the next month and overview of the Board agenda.

4. Consumer Portfolio and Strategy update

(Nisha Arora, Gordon Ashworth, Roland Green)

The team introduced its paper on the CMA's consumer enforcement strategy. The Board discussed and agreed to the proposals that had been submitted to it, and welcomed the encouraging signs of progress on enforcement cases.

The Board was also updated on developments in the consumer landscape. It was agreed that the team would provide a further update before the next ICPEN event in April.

5. Meeting statutory deadlines: track record and proposals

(Stephanie Canet, Daniel Gordon, Sheldon Mills, Rachel Merelie, Chris Prevett)

This paper reviewed the CMA's track record of delivering Phase 2 cases to statutory deadlines, its progress and challenges faced. The Board confirmed that it was happy with the proposals put to it and agreed that this issue would need to be revisited at a future meeting.

6. Private Healthcare Remittal

(Lara Stoimenova, Susannah Meeke, Daniel Gordon, Alan Reilly)

The Board heard an update on the progress of the Private Healthcare Remittal case.

7. Remedies Strategy – one year on

(Adam Land, Alistair Thompson, Susannah Meeke, Colin Garland, Peter Hill and David Hansen)

The Board was updated on the progress of developing and implementing the remedies strategy. The Board commented that the strategy was impressive and very well thought out. The team members were commended for the quality of their work.

8. Risk management

(Rebecca Lawrence)

The Board considered the revised risk survey and agreed that a workshop would be useful to build a common understanding of how 'risk' was defined.

9. SR15 implementation

The Board was updated on the work on the Spending Review 2015 implementation.

10. Legal services

The Board agreed to the proposals to launch a market study into the legal services sector in England and Wales and approved two formal launch documents.

11. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

12. Devolved Nations

The Board agreed that its next meeting outside London should take place in Cardiff in June.

13. Review of the meeting / looking ahead

The Board reviewed the meeting and the future agenda.