

COMPETITION AND MARKETS AUTHORITY
Minutes of the Board
London: Hearing Room 5
19 July 2017

Present:

David Currie (Chair)
Andrea Coscelli (Acting CEO)
Michael Grenfell
Erik Wilson
Anne Lambert
Sarah Chambers
Amelia Fletcher
Jonathan Scott
Alan Giles
Bill Kovacic
Annetje Ottow
Sarah Cardell
Mike Walker

CMA staff:
Paul Latham

Executive Office:
Erika Lewis
Kimberley Wicks (minutes)

Apologies:

Rachel Merelie
Rebecca Lawrence
Angela MacDonald

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 and review of recent XCo/CPC minutes

The Board approved the June Board minutes, subject to agreed amendments.

The Board reviewed recent XCo minutes from 14 and 21 June, and the CPC minutes from 14 June.

3. Chief Executive's update

The Chief Executive updated the Board on major news items and provided an overview of existing work.

4. EU Exit update

The Board received an update following publication of the EU Withdrawal Bill.

5. Criminal cartels update

The Board received an update on the CMA's criminal cartel enforcement activity.

6. Strategic discussion

The Board considered the future role of competition in delivering good outcomes for society, including for vulnerable consumers.

The Board also discussed the potential new strategic steer from Government at the start of the new Parliamentary term.

7. Communications: language research and digital marketing

The Board considered recent work by the Communications Team to raise awareness of competition and consumer law via digital marketing and to improve the accessibility of the CMA's language to the general public.

8. Respect in the Workplace

The Board was briefed on this workstream.

9. Penalties guidance

The Board approved a consultation on proposed changes to the CMA's external penalties guidance.

10. Update on rail policy project and assessment of rail franchises

The Board received an update on the CMA's competition work in the rail sector.

11. Matters arising

The Board noted the following papers which were provided for information:

- Update on End of Project Reviews
- Plans for Birmingham Board Meeting September 2017
- Management Information Report

12. – 15. Review of the meeting and looking ahead

The Board reviewed the meeting and the future agenda, noting the next Board meeting is to be in Birmingham in September.