

Minutes of RPC meeting
Monday 5 February 2018
1 Victoria Street

Attendees

Chairman

Anthony Brown

RPC Secretariat

Hiroko Plant, Head of Secretariat (HoS)

Deputy Head of Secretariat (DHoS)

Committee Members

Alex Ehmann

Jonathan Cave

Jeremy Mayhew

Martin Traynor

Sarah Veale

Ken Warwick

Better Regulation Executive (BRE) officials

Carl Creswell

Rachel Egan

Teleconference: Nicole Kar

A. Minutes of last meeting and Matters arising

Minutes of December Committee meeting

1. The minutes of the 11th December meeting were **agreed** subject to minor typographical corrections.

Matters arising

2. Action points – The Secretariat reported on progress against the actions from the last meeting; the Committee were generally content with progress, but noted delays in the publication of the BIT report as a result of delays in finalising the scrutiny of one measure, and delays in the arranging of various meetings.
3. Register of declaration of interest and potential conflicts – Since the papers were sent out some members had notified GM of further changes to their interests and potential conflicts. **Action:** Secretariat to circulate a revised register to the committee within a day of the meeting.

B. Updates

Notes of Chair's meetings

4. The Chair summarised his recent introductory meetings with the Better Regulation Minister and the Director General of Market Frameworks. He said that both had gone well; he had highlighted the Committee's strong desire for a clear, stable positive remit, which had been received sympathetically.
5. The Chair also highlighted plans to meet with the SoS and attend the BEIS Board, both in March.

Re-appointments and recruitment of new committee members

6. BRE reported that the recruitment process had now been completed and recommendations made to the Minister for Better Regulation. Before final decisions can be announced, further approvals are needed from SoS and from No 10. The committee is likely to be increased from

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eight to nine members to help with EU Exit demand. The chair said there was a good pool of applicants to choose from and the standard of interviewees was very high. He was therefore confident that it made sense to have a larger committee.

C. RPC corporate and Business Plan

7. The HoS presented a draft RPC Corporate Plan 2017 -2022 and the Business Plan 2018-19. She said that the plan reflects the considerable changes to the policy environment, and was being presented for the Committee's views at this stage so that it could be signed off by Ministers before the start of the financial year. The committee were not being asked to sign it off in detail at this stage, but to comment on the broad structure and content. In view of timescales, she suggested that the plan should be iterated by correspondence. **Action:** Committee to send comments on the plan to HoS by 19 February.

D. Any other Business and Date of next Meeting

8. There was no further business considered.
9. The next meeting has been rescheduled to take place from 12th March to 19th March, and will be held in the Innovation space in BEIS, 1 Victoria St