



**JOINT FRAUD TASKFORCE MANAGEMENT BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 20 June 2018**

ATTENDEES

JM	BRC
SF	Cifas
AN	City of London Police
RR	Home Office Chair
TF	Home Office Secretariat
NB	Home Office
HL	Mastercard
SS	Metropolitan Police
MH	Tesco Bank
NM	Cifas/Trading Standards
PR	Vanquis Bank
LB	Trading Standards
SR	Cifas
RG	FCA
SS	Nationwide
AM	RBS
KW	UK Finance
VC	Accourt

Apologies

JL	FCA
DT	NCA

Agenda Item 1 – Welcome and instructions

1. RR welcomed attendees to the meeting.

Agenda Item 2 – Joint Fraud Taskforce review

2. RR thanked VC for the work he had done leading the independent review of the Taskforce, and handed the floor to VC to set out the review's conclusions.
3. VC covered the headline findings, including: ambition, objectives, governance and accountability – there was agreement, based on the review findings, that the Taskforce had huge potential. However, it was also agreed that certain aspects of the Taskforce needed strengthening.
4. VC also outlined the key next steps to take the review findings and build the next phase of the Taskforce. A small team will be required to work over the summer to firm up proposals. Resource commitment will be needed from both Government and the private sector.
5. Board members discussed the overall ambition of the Taskforce, including how best to set objectives, the place of the Taskforce within the wider economic crime reform landscape and how to ensure that the Taskforce is using its collective good to drive the fraud agenda forward. RG said that the resource ask had to be clear and aligned with other economic crime priorities. RR said that fraud was unequivocally included within wider economic crime governance at Ministerial level.
6. AM questioned whether the Taskforce was focussed on the right, agreed, outcomes, which in turn would drive both accountability and ensure collective focus. It was also agreed that all constituent parts of the Taskforce had to be accountable for delivery.
7. It was agreed by all that a revised threat assessment was necessary, building on work carried out during the creation of the Taskforce – members were keen that this was delivered at pace. It was also agreed that this work should be carried out alongside the review work with a quick refresh of the previous threat assessment completed within 3 months and a follow up programme of activity to inform taskforce objectives.

Agenda item 3 – Agreement of next steps

8. RR summarised the discussion and clarified actions. All agreed that a small team would undertake an agile approach, with a focussed blitz in July to work up proposals for JFT 2.0 based on review findings, recognising that work already in progress should not be stopped. All agreed also that a joint Government / Industry / Law Enforcement strategic threat assessment was required to help prioritise and set Taskforce outcomes. Members felt strongly that the Taskforce should focus on those issues single organisations couldn't tackle alone. RR

asked for volunteers for both pieces of work. Law enforcement, the private sector and Government all committed.

ACTIONS:

- a. Home Office secretariat to establish suitable dates for the review team to workshop and produce recommendations by W/C 3 September. First meeting to take place in July.
- b. Home Office to assign a team to begin JFT threat assessment. Final report due by W/C 3 September.
- c. Joint team to produce a programme plan for both pieces of work.

Agenda item 4 – AOB

Economic Crime Reform update

- 9. NB provided an update on progress on economic crime reform. He set out how the new Economic Crime Delivery Board, chaired by Home Office and HM Treasury Permanent Secretaries would drive delivery across government. Work tackling fraud will be within the scope of this delivery board and the new National Economic Crime Centre.

Public Accounts Committee

- 10. NB updated that the PuS was in front of the Public Accounts Committee on 27 June on fraud amongst other Home Office policy areas including Windrush and Salisbury.