

MINUTES OF THE CMA BOARD

Meeting date: 19 June 2019

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

Members present

Andrew Tyrie (Chairman)
Andrea Coscelli (CEO)
Kirstin Baker (KB)
Martin Coleman (MC)
Cynthia Dubin (CD)
Amelia Fletcher (AF)
Andrea Gomes da Silva (AGS)
Michael Grenfell (MG)
Bill Kovacic (BK)
Erik Wilson² (EW)

Jonathan Scott (JS)

CMA staff present

Kate Bridge (KMB), Director of
Executive Office and Performance
Claire Jewell (CJ), Assistant Legal Director,
Governance (minutes)
Paul Ellis (PE), Director of Finance and
Security¹
Paul Latham (PL), Director
Communications and Strategy
Executive Office Secretary
Mary Ayinde (MA), Governance &
Performance

Advisers present

Sarah Cardell (SC), General Counsel
Mike Walker (MW), Chief Economic Adviser

1. Introduction

1.1 The Chairman welcomed the Board members to the meeting.

¹ PE left the meeting after agenda item 9

² There was a break in Erik Wilson's term on the Board during the year due to an administrative error with the BEIS reappointment process. The error has been resolved and Erik Wilson continues to serve on the Board.

Declarations of interest, conflicts, and recusals

- 1.2 CD received a redacted version of papers that referenced the digital markets discussion, and recused herself from that discussion (agenda item 7), due to her previously declared conflict.

Gifts and hospitality

- 1.3 No declarations of gifts or hospitality were made by members.

2. CMA Board and committee minutes

- 2.1 The Board **approved** the minutes of the CMA Board meeting held on 7 May 2019.

- 2.2 The Board **noted** the minutes of the following CMA committee meetings:

- Executive Committee (XCo) minutes from 1 and 22 May 2019 and 6 June 2019.
- European Union Exit Committee (EUEC) minutes from 2 May 2019.

3. Updates (agenda items 3 – 6 were taken together)

- 3.1 The CEO provided a high-level overview of the CMA's current work. The CEO also confirmed that, following his appointment as Senior Director, Policy and International, Will Hayter has been appointed to serve as a member of the Case and Policy Committee.
- 3.2 JS, the Chair of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee (ARAC), and CD updated the Board on discussions at the ARAC meeting on 19 June 2019 including the office move. JS noted the CMA has received a moderate rating from the Government Internal Audit Agency (GIAA) and recognised that improvements were ongoing and should be seen in the context of the growth in size of the business and the move to the CMA's new London offices in Canary Wharf. CD also reported that the new Head of Risk has been appointed and will start on 1 July 2019.
- 3.3 AF, the Chair of the Remuneration Committee (RemCo), updated the Board on discussions at the RemCo meeting on 21 May 2019. AF also noted that she has been appointed the Board champion for the CMA's Equality, Diversity and Inclusion working group.
- 3.4 MG updated the Board on what was discussed at the Pipeline Steering Group meetings on 8 May and 10 June 2019.

7. The future of the CMA digital portfolio

7.1 The Board **approved** the CMA's proposed strategy on digital markets and, as part of it, the launch of a market study into online platforms and digital advertising.

8. Consumer enforcement update

8.1 The Board was **updated** on the CMA's consumer protection law enforcement portfolio and pipeline.

9. Reform programme: consumer enforcement

9.1 The Board **discussed** the CMA's role in the UK consumer protection landscape and what direct enforcement model should be followed for consumer protection law cases.

10. Preparations for a 'no deal' EU Exit

10.1 The Board **considered** proposals focussing on the CMA's preparation in the event of a 'no deal' exit from the EU.

11. State aid

11.1 The Board **was updated on** proposals regarding the assumption of state aid responsibilities.

12. Annual Report and Accounts 2018/2019

12.1 As Chair of ARAC, JS presented the Annual Accounts to the Board with a recommendation that they be approved.

12.2 The Board **approved** the CMA's Annual Report and Accounts 2018/2019 and delegated the sign off process for publication to the CEO.

13. CMA Impact Assessment 2018/2019

13.1 The Board **agreed** this would be approved by email.