

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY CMA BOARD

Meeting date: 20 March 2020

Venue: The Cabot, 25 Cabot Square, London, E14 4QZ and by Skype

Members present

Andrew Tyrie (Chairman)
Kirstin Baker
Martin Coleman
Andrea Coscelli (CEO)
Cynthia Dubin
Amelia Fletcher
Andrea Gomes da Silva
Michael Grenfell
Bill Kovacic
Erik Wilson

CMA staff present

Kate Bridge, Director of Executive Office
Jennifer Halliday, Director, Advocacy
Will Hayter, Senior Director, Policy, Advocacy and International
Stuart Hudson, Senior Director, Strategy, Communications, Nations and Regions
Stijn Huits, Legal Director
Tobe Nwagu, Assistant Director, Markets and Advocacy
Dan Rawling, Director, Policy and International
Lucy Robbins, Senior Director, People, Capability and Change
Sam Scott, Director, Policy
Gavin Thompson, Assistant Director, Advocacy
Board Secretary (minutes)
Private Secretary to the Chairman

Advisers present

Sarah Cardell, General Counsel

Apologies

Jonathan Scott

Mike Walker

1. Introduction

1.1 The Chairman welcomed the Board members to the meeting, noting that this was the first remote meeting held by the current Board and acknowledging the importance of holding such a meeting in the challenging circumstances. On behalf of the Board, the Chairman thanked the Senior Executive Team and the whole of the CMA staff for the

outstanding response to the new challenges posed over the last few weeks to COVID-19.

1.2 The Chairman updated the Board on the reappointment of the CEO, Andrea Coscelli, for two years, thanking Andrea for his ongoing commitment.

2. **Covid-19 risk update**

The Board **was updated** on the CMA's approach to manage the organisational risks raised by Covid-19, noting that a decision had been now made to close down the London, Edinburgh, Cardiff and Belfast offices of the CMA, with all staff working remotely.

3. **Covid-19 external response**

The Board **was updated** on public communications since the last Board meeting, its approach to its work during this crisis, and the launch of a CMA taskforce to tackle negative impacts within its remit of the Covid-19 pandemic.