

Location:

Virtual Only.

Date: Monday 1st June 2020**Time:** 2.30pm**Participants****Members**

Peter Gloyne (Chair, SME)
Alan Clarke (SME)
Ian Dalziel (INED)
Kyle Jannece (EBS-NEX)
Paul Clarke (Refinitiv
Matching)

Guests

Brandon Meneguzzi
(Refinitiv)
David Clark (RBSL)
Louise Duff (Refinitiv,
Co Sec)
Keith Elliott (Refinitiv)
Shirley Barrow
(Refinitiv)
Wendy Trump
(Refinitiv)

Apologies

David Newns (Currenex)

1. Call to Order and Conflicts of Interest

The Chair called the meeting to order and declared a quorum.

No new Conflicts of Interest were declared.

a. Review and recommendation to adopt minutes as a true and accurate record

The Chair proposed the adoption of the 'long' version of the minutes from 20th April.

The minutes were duly **APPROVED** by the Committee.

The 'short' form minutes were also reviewed and one minor change to provide additional clarity would be introduced. The minutes were duly **APPROVED** by the Committee.

b. Review of Outstanding Action Items including:

Action Item 16: Methodology Review

The WM/Reuters Business Manager proposed a change in focus of this action, confirming that whilst the third party did provide some market insight, additional feedback from Q1 and Q2 of 2020 necessitates an action item with a broader scope, and in particular enabling the inclusion of the WMR User Group in this process.

The committee concurred, reiterating their desire for independent input into the methodology calculation, and its appropriateness, whilst also noting a responsibility to consider the stakeholders who would not be included in any consultation process; i.e. the end consumer. The WM/Reuters Business Manager confirmed WMR have commenced preliminary data analysis and consideration is being given to virtual 'round table' sessions that would have wider representation than the User Groups. This would seek to receive feedback on all aspects of the Spot rate methodology.

Discussion took place around the importance of analysis, and the holistic approach necessary, to ensure no unintended consequence was overlooked and that the language in the published methodology accurately reflected any perceived gaps in the process, such as the calculation of some cross rates where value dates differ

Agreement that this current action would be closed, and a new action created to enable WMR to model the framework for moving forward with the Methodology review.

2. Update on COVID 19 and Response

The WM/Reuters Business Manager provided an update on the response to, and impact of, Covid 19 with confirmation that the virtual office environment continues to maintain 'business as usual' and the Contingency Task Force continues to meet to evaluate impact across all RBSL Benchmarks.

Planning is commencing on the steps necessary to reopen the Edinburgh office.

Engagement with the UK Regulator, the FCA, continues.

3. Operational Business Update

- a. The WM/Reuters Operations Manager provided the Operations updates for April 2020.
 - 3.a.1. The metrics were discussed, with no further questions arising.
- b. The WM/Reuters Business Manager presented Business Updates as at June.
 - 3.b.1. Noting that some items on the dashboard were aged, it was requested that the start date of each item was shown.
 - 3.b.2. Discussion around the 'Refinitiv Data Platform' project scheduled for 2021 took place, with agreement that a one page summary showing the impact would be helpful for the oversight committee members.
- c. The WM/Reuters Operations Manager presented the Governance Reports for April.
 - 3.c.1. The metrics were reviewed, with a particular observation in the number of institutions quoting for KES Kenyan Shilling Forward rates noted. Confirmation of this would be sought, with further information to be provided.
- d. The Refinitiv Compliance Manager presented the Regulatory Update.
 - 3.d.1. It was noted that the twice weekly calls with the FCA were continuing whilst WMR continued to operate in business continuity mode. Discussions centred around currency observations and return to 'business as usual' planning.
 - 3.d.2. The ongoing Firm Evaluation of RBSL was noted, with confirmation that this may involve meeting the Chair of the WMR Benchmark Oversight Committee.

4. Monitoring & Surveillance Reporting

- a. The Refinitiv Benchmark Monitoring & Surveillance Manager presented the Monitoring and Surveillance reports for April.
 - 4.a.1. The Chair noted the value in utilising the learnings of the March/April market disruption and proposed this could be used as a template for future events. The Refinitiv Benchmark Monitoring & Surveillance Manager confirmed this was a sensible approach.
 - 4.a.2. Discussion took place around the Intraday alerting process, and that in time this may enable a review of the alerts undertaken specifically for the 4pm benchmark monitoring.
 - 4.a.3. Attention was drawn to the simplified reporting of Intraday alerts in this meeting pack, with the oversight committee confirming their satisfaction with this approach.

5. AOB

Nothing arising.

Meeting Closed 4.02pm.