



Panel Meeting 42 – Headline Report

28 April 2020
Conference Call

This Headline Report provides a record of the decisions made by the Panel.

1 URGENT: CPW096 (Payment Deferral Medium Term Measures) - Draft Recommendation Report

The Panel considered the Draft Recommendation Report for '[CPW096: Payment Deferral \(Medium Term\)](#)'. This change sought to amend provisions into the market codes to enable the deferral of primary charges payable by Retailers to Wholesalers, with a mechanism of repayment over time, in response to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on Trading Parties.

The Panel:

- **AGREED** to recommend the implementation of CPW096 to the Ofwat for approval (10 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstained);
- **AGREED** to recommend that Ofwat consider the potential for an alternative solution to accommodate four matters identified by the Panel; and
- **AGREED** to recommend an implementation date of 1 May 2020.

2 Panel Chair Appointment

The Panel considered the proposed approach and next steps to progress the appointment of a Panel Chair separate to the appointment of the Chair for the Market Operator Board.

The Panel:

- **AGREED** the general approach to recruiting a Panel Chair;
- **ENDORSED** the progression of the corresponding change proposal without the need for consultation;
- **AGREED** that the Panel Chair Nomination Sub-Group should comprise a Retailer Member, Wholesaler Member and two Independent Panel Members¹;
- **DELEGATED AUTHORITY** to the Panel Chair Nomination Sub-Group for:

¹ Subsequent to the Panel meeting Trevor Nelson, Martin Mavin, Elsa Wye and John Vinson were confirmed as the members of this Sub-Group.



- Approving a streamlined version of the proposed Panel Chair Nomination Sub-Group Terms of Reference;
- Considering the mechanism for appointing the Panel Chair;
- Approving amendments to the Panel Chair Appointment Policy; and
- **INSTRUCTED** the Panel Chair Nomination Sub-Group to commence the recruitment of the Panel Chair in parallel with the corresponding Change Proposal.

3 CPW080 (Simplification of the Default and Termination Process) – Draft Recommendation Report

The Panel deferred to its May meeting the Draft Recommendation Report for '[CPW080: Simplification of the Default and Termination Process](#)'.

4 Review of Industry Level Estimates

The Panel deferred to its May meeting consideration of the Review of Industry Level Estimates.