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# SWIFT UK FINANCIAL CRIME COMPLIANCE ADVISORY GROUP (FCCAG)

**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

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| **DATE APPROVED BY GROUP** | **17/05/2023** |
| **DATE APPROVED BY BOARD** | **05/06/2023** |
| **DATE FOR NEXT REVIEW** | **April 2024** |

## BACKGROUND

With SWIFT’s introduction of Know Your Customer (KYC) and Anti-Money Laundering (AML) initiatives, the focus of the UK Financial Crime Compliance Advisory Group (UK FCCAG) is towards operational issues linked to correspondent banking but also covers the needs of securities players and corporates.

Specifically, the scope of the Group will include

* Know Your Customer
* Sanctions
* AntiMoney Laundering.

Fraud prevention will not be included as a topic although the Group will receive regular updates on SWIFT fraud detection initiatives.

The UK FCCAG forms part of SWIFT UK Ltd (“SWIFT UK”), a company formed to support the UK community of SWIFT users by co-ordinating their views, forming common UK policy and facilitating communication and collaboration between SWIFT SC and the UK community. SWIFT UK performs the function of SWIFT National Member and User Group for the United Kingdom, but is independent of SWIFT SC.

## OBJECTIVES

* Provides input to SWIFT SC’s Financial Crime Compliance Advisory Group (“global FCCAG”) on proposals for development of standards, policies and shared services in non- competitive areas linked to financial crime compliance;
* Monitors regulatory developments and provides a forum to exchange views on the operational impact of such developments (direct liaison with regulators remains the responsibility of each member);
* Engages the operational, transaction banking, securities, corporate banking and compliance divisions of financial institutions in a discussion on the operational implications of dealing with FCC regulations;
* Advises the UK Banking and Payments Committee (and ultimately the SWIFT UK Ltd Board) in formulating and scoping FCC strategy and business development plans for standards, market practices and shared services where they relate to financial crime compliance;
* Provides feedback to the SWIFT UK secretariat on SWIFT Board papers that relate to financial crime compliance (for incorporation into the Board paper briefing); and
* recommends a UK position on any decision items in the Board papers and escalates any other concerns or requirements to the SWIFT UK Board as appropriate.

## STRUCTURE

* 1. **Chair**
* The FCCAG will elect a chairperson for a term of three years, which is renewable;
* The Chair will agree the agenda, actions and minutes with the Secretariat; and
* The FCCAG will elect a deputy Chair if required by the Chair for three years (renewable).

## Membership

* Participation is open to all SWIFT UK members;
* Representatives of SWIFT will be invited to attend;
* Representatives of other stakeholders may also be invited to attend, with agreement of the Group; and
* As the work of the UK FCCAG is driven by the agenda of the global FCCAG, the chairperson of the UK FCCAG will be a member of the global FCCAG. Global FCCAG members are appointed by SWIFT, however they are expected to provide feedback from their national communities and share the outcome of global FCCAG discussions with their national groups. In the interests of good governance, prospective members of the global FCCAG who represent the UK should seek the endorsement of the UK FCCAG before joining the global FCCAG.

## SWIFT support

* SWIFT provides key support and expertise for this User Group; and
* The SWIFT host must be present at every face to face meeting held at SWIFT’s offices and if unavailable must provide an alternate who can attend.

## Escalation and Authority

* + The UK FCCAG will report to the SWIFT UK BPC (Banking & Payments Committee). Regular progress reports will be provided to the UK BPC by the chairperson;
  + Where consensus cannot be achieved, the UK FCCAG chairperson will refer the issue to the UK BPC, advising the majority view with a note indicating the size of minority opinion; and
  + Secretariat support is provided by SWIFT UK Ltd.

## Administration

* 1. **Meeting Frequency**
* The UK FCCAG will convene around meetings of the global FCCAG, preferably afterwards so that members can receive an update; and
* Other meetings will be arranged at the request of the Chair.

## Papers and Meeting set up

* The Secretariat will collate and distribute the papers to the members; and
* Regular progress reports will be provided to the Board by the Secretariat or by the Chairperson at the invitation at the Board.

## Funding

* The UK FCCAG is funded from the SWIFT UK Ltd budget.

## ToR review & update

* The ToR will be reviewed annually.

## Competition Law and Conflicts of interest

Members and attendees must be aware of their obligations to avoid any conflicts of interest and breach of competition law.

Members are asked to ensure that commercially sensitive information is not shared and that any conflicts of interest are disclosed.

**Appendix 1**

Current UK FCCAG Representation as of May 2023

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| **Name** | **Company** | **Membership** |
| **John Whelan** | Bank of America NA | Info only |
| **Richard Norman** | Barclays Bank Plc | Attendee |
| **Lewis Cooke** | Barclays Bank Plc | Attendee |
| **Martin Maguire** | BFC Bank Ltd | Attendee |
| **Denitsa Rebaine** | BNY Mellon | Attendee |
| **Adam Oyebanji** | BNY Mellon | Attendee |
| **Anu Ratan** | BNY Mellon | Attendee |
| **Beatrice Di Michele** | Calastone Ltd. | Attendee |
| **Karimah Ayinde** | Calastone Ltd. | Attendee |
| **Martin Freeman** | Calastone Ltd. | Attendee |
| **Chris Pratt** | HSBC Bank Plc | **Chair** |
| **Matthew Brown** | HSBC Bank Plc | Attendee |
| **Martin Maguire** | iFast Global | Attendee |
| **Daniel King** | JP Morgan Chase | Info only |
| **John Baggott** | Lloyds Banking Group | Alternate |
| **Ralph Mason** | Lloyds Banking Group | **Deputy**  **Chair** |
| **Samuel England** | Lloyds Banking group & Deputy User Group Chair | Attendee |
| **Chris Brown** | NatWest & User Group Chair | Attendee |
| **Fiona Gall** | NatWest | Attendee |
| **Toby Gregson** | NatWest | Attendee |
| **Johnathan Bugeja** | NatWest | Attendee |
| **Luke Brewer** | NatWest | Attendee |
| **Ben Wood** | Nomura International PLC | Info only |
| **Mayur Bhudia** | Standard Chartered Bank | Attendee |