

Financial Services Consultative Industry Panel

Chairman: David Went c/o Irish Financial Services Regulatory Authority
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FSCIP – 1st meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, 19 February 2009

Time: 14.00 – 17.00 hours

Venue: Central Bank Tower

Attended by: See list below.

Apologies from: Tony Culley, Pat Farrell, Brian McNellis, Gary Palmer and Paul O'Connor

Item 1: Adoption of the Agenda

The new Panel Chairman, Mr. Went paid tribute to the outgoing Chairman, Mr. Deeny, for all his contributions to the Panel.

The draft Agenda for the meeting was adopted.

Item 2: Approval of draft Minutes of the 36th Meeting

The Minutes of the 36th meeting of the FSCIP held on 9 September 2008 were approved.

Item 3: Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Item 4: Mary O'Dea – Acting CEO

Due to unforeseen external circumstances the Acting CEO was unable to attend the February Panel meeting. Her presentation will be rescheduled for the March meeting which will take place on 5 March 2009.

Item 5: Future direction and shape of financial regulation in Ireland in light of current financial crisis

This item was suggested by Colm Fagan for discussion, as an item for the agenda for the meeting. The Panel discussed recent events and whether the principles based approach to regulation is the way forward and about the uncertainty within the Financial Regulator on how it should be reacting to the current crisis. Understandably this is now causing some operational issues especially for the international insurance industry.

It was agreed that the review of the regulatory environment was the main concern of the industry at the present time and the Chairman suggested that he would meet with the Department of Finance to ensure the Panel has a meaningful opportunity for input into any reviews that are taking place. It was also agreed that it would be important to highlight previous panel observations concerning deficiencies in systems/skills available to the Financial Regulator. The Industry Panel has supported more effective regulation through more knowledgeable regulatory personnel rather than opposing regulation full stop and has previously recommended the upskilling of the Regulator. Ms. Panagiodis referred to recent developments at the UK FSA (also a principles based regulator) and agreed to circulate the FSA's recently released business plan for information to the panel members.

Item 6: New directors' loan requirements – proposal from Michael Deasy

Material for Michael Deasy's proposal by the Financial Regulator to require credit institutions to provide certain disclosures concerning loans to directors in their annual audit financial statements was circulated to the Panel for consideration and discussion at the Panel meeting. Michael Deasy attended the Panel meeting to provide clarification on the proposal. The Panel were happy with the proposal summarised at the meeting but noted that that Credit Unions were excluded. The Chairman requested that a copy of the amended final proposal be circulated to the Panel. Secretary to liaise with Mr. Deasy.

Item 7: Work Plan for new Industry Panel for 2009

The question of a draft work plan for the Panel for 2009 was discussed. The Chairman suggested that a sub group be formed to interact with the Financial Regulator and draw up a draft work plan for the Panel for the year. There was a discussion on the framework for this work plan and some suggested issues which should be included on the work plan. It was agreed that Eimer O'Rourke, Brendan Kelly and Philip Brennan will form the sub group to formulate a draft work plan for the Panel. Items for inclusion will be Regulator Budget 2009, Panel Report 2008, Regulator Strategic Plan, Mazars Review; but the most urgent item is the apparent ongoing review of the regulatory framework. It was agreed that it would be desirable to hear from the Acting CEO before finalising a 2009 work plan.

Item 8: Draft schedule of meetings for 2009.

The draft schedule of meetings was discussed and agreed.

Item 9: Updates

- **EU & International Advisory Group** – As Gary Palmer was unable to attend the meeting this item will be discussed at the next Panel meeting.

The next meeting will be held on 5 March 2009 in the Central Bank Tower Block.

Actions arising from 1st FSCIP Meeting of the new Panel

Action	Action by
Circulate Business Plan for FSA	Secretary
Request copy of amended final proposal from Michael Deasy regarding New Directors Loan requirements.	Secretary

**Participants at the 1st Meeting of the FSCIP held
on Thursday the 19 February 2009**

David Went - Chairman
Colette Clancy - Secretary
Philip Brennan
Sean Casey
Fiona Cullen
Colm Fagan
Robert Richardson
Kevin Johnson
Brendan Kelly

Pat McArdle
Aileen O'Donoghue
Carmel O'Connor
Eimear O'Rourke
Rachel Panagiodis
Sean Quirke
Sarah Goddard

Prepared by : _____

Colette Clancy - Secretary

Signed by: _____

David Went – Chairman

Date: _____