FIT AND PROPER AND BANKING EXECUTIVE ACCOUNTABILTY REGIME POLICY

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1 Introduction

Primary responsibility for ensuring the fitness and propriety of individuals holding responsible and accountable person positions within the Co-operative rests with the Co-operative's Board. As a result, the Board has adopted this Policy to "manage the risk to its business or financial standing" that persons acting in responsible and accountable person positions are fit and proper".

To achieve this objective, this Fit and Proper Policy sets out:

- 1. how the Board will ensure responsible and accountable persons are competent and act with honesty and integrity;
- 2. the matters the Co-operative will consider in determining if a person is fit and proper for a responsible and accountable person position;
- 3. the processes that will be followed by the Co-operative in assessing whether a responsible and accountable person is fit and proper;
- 4. the actions the Co-operative will take if it is not satisfied that a person is fit and proper for a responsible and accountable person position; and
- 5. is the approved list of responsible persons and the competency matrix as determined by the Cooperative in complying with its Fit & Proper and Banking Executive Accountability Regime Policy in appendix A.

1.1 Prudential Regulation

Prudential Standards CPS 520 and associated Guidance Notes

1.2 Banking Executive Accountability Regime (BEAR)

The Banking Executive Accountability Regime (BEAR) was introduced in February 2018 and became operational in the Co-operative from 1 July 2019. The purpose of the BEAR is to establish clear and heightened expectations of accountability for directors and senior executives of Authorised Deposit Institutions (ADIs) (Accountable Persons). The BEAR also sets out key obligations which must be met by ADIs and its Accountable Persons and the consequences where these obligations are not met. A key objective of the BEAR is therefore to improve the operating culture of ADIs by increasing transparency and accountability across the banking sector. The purpose of this Policy is to set out the principle obligations which are established under the BEAR, how the Co-operative implements these obligations and the Co-operative's expectations of its employees in following the spirit and intent of the regime.

1.3 Board Authority

The Board of Directors (the Board) originally adopted this policy statement on 20th Sept 2006, the latest approved version is as noted on the front cover of this document.

1.4 Reviews

The Board reviews and amends this policy, at least annually or more often should major changes occur during the period. A history of review of this policy and extent of recommended and ratified changes are Detailed in Schedule 1.

2 Application of this Policy

This policy applies the Co-operative, its responsible and accountable persons and (as applicable) all employees (including contractors and sub-contractors) of the Co-operative. A responsible person is:

- a Director of the Co-operative;
- a senior manager of the Co-operative; and / or
- an appointed auditor who prepares reports required under the Banking Act, 1959 (the Act).

An accountable person is:

- a Director of the Co-operative; and / or
- a senior manager of the Co-operative.

Definitions of the Fit & Proper positions, as well as a complete definition of a responsible / accountable person, are contained in chapter 11 definitions. It is worth noting a responsible / accountable person does not need to be an employee of the Co-operative (i.e. they can be a contractor or consultant).

¹ Explanatory Memorandum, Treasury Laws Amendment (Banking Executive Accountability and Related Measures) Bill 2017, p 9.

The Co-operative will maintain a current schedule of responsible and accountable persons and details of the competencies and training required for each position.

Section 1 Banking Executive Accountability Regime

3 BEAR Policy Statement

The Co-operative is committed to implementing and complying with its obligations under the BEAR including the accountability, remuneration, key personnel and notification obligations under the BEAR and the aspects covered in this and associated Policies.

Accountable Persons of the Co-operative, must comply with their accountability obligations under the BEAR in the context of their particular responsibilities as outlined in their Accountability Statement. Where an Accountable Person delegates their responsibilities, they are solely responsible for ensuring that their employees and direct reports comply with the BEAR obligations including (but not limited to) ensuring that appropriate arrangements, systems and controls are in place to support their and the Co-operative's, ongoing compliance with the BEAR obligations.

Where a senior executive holds a position, which meets the criteria of an Accountable Person as defined by the BEAR, the Co-operative will ensure the relevant senior executive is appointed as an Accountable Person in accordance with the BEAR.

The key obligations under the BEAR are to ensure that the Co-operative and its Accountable Persons:

- act with honesty, integrity and with due skill, care and diligence;
- deal with APRA in a way which is open, constructive and cooperative; and
- prevent matters from arising which impact the prudential standing or prudential reputation of the Cooperative.

While the BEAR imposes specific obligations on the Co-operative and its Accountable Persons, all employees must act in a manner which is consistent with these obligations.

Under the BEAR, the Co-operative must not indemnify or ensure the ADI or any of its Accountable Persons from the consequences of breaching a BEAR obligation and therefore no protection will be provided by the Co-operative to any of its Accountable Persons for any such breach.

A more detailed summary of the BEAR obligations is set out in section 3.3 of this Policy.

3.1 Consequence of non-compliance

Serious consequences apply for noncompliance with the BEAR. In addition to existing informal and formal powers which can be used by APRA in implementing the BEAR, the following specific consequences may also apply:

3.1.1 Penalties

Non-compliance with BEAR obligations where the contravention "relates to prudential matter" attracts serious penalties for the Co-operative as follows:

[If medium sized organisation]

250,000 penalty units or \$55.5 million based on the current value of a penalty unit (\$222).

[If small sized organisation]

• 50,000 penalty units or \$11.1 million based on the current value of a penalty unit (\$222).

3.1.2 Disqualification

In addition to financial penalties which may be applied against the Co-operative, APRA can disqualify an Accountable Person if that person:

- has not complied with his or her accountability obligations; and
- having regard to the seriousness of the non-compliance, the disqualification is justified.

Also, if the Co-operative allows a disqualified person to act as an Accountable Person it will commit a strict liability offence and be liable for a penalty of 60 penalty units or \$13,320 (based on the current value of a

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² Section 37G

penalty unit at \$222). In addition, it may also have committed a fault-based offence and be liable for a penalty of up to 250 penalty units or \$55,500 (based on the current value of a penalty unit at \$222).

Accordingly, if an Accountable Person is disqualified by APRA, they will not be permitted to be an Accountable Person for the Co-operative which may result in a breach of their employment contract and could result in termination of their employment with the Co-operative.

3.1.3 The Co-operative's Consequences

A breach of the BEAR obligations will be taken seriously by the Co-operative. Therefore, in addition to any consequences which may be applied by APRA for non-compliance with the BEAR obligations, relevant employees of the co-operative, who do not comply with their BEAR obligations or who have willingly or materially, contributed to or caused, a breach of the Co-operative's BEAR obligations, will be subject to disciplinary action being taken by it, in accordance with its Employee Handbook PER-001 and which may include the termination of their employment with the Co-operative.

3.2 BEAR Compliance Framework

The BEAR controls which have been directly established by the Co-operative to implement the BEAR consist of the following key measures:

- **this BEAR Policy** sets out the Co-operative's commitment to complying with the BEAR and how BEAR obligations have been implemented;
- the Co-operative's Accountability Map;
- Accountability Statements for each Accountable Person of the Co-operative;
- Corporate Governance Charter Section 5 Remuneration prescribes the minimum standards which must be applied when developing the remuneration and reward structure to ensure positive conduct and behaviour outcomes are achieved;
- **BEAR Training Program** ensures Directors, senior executives and employees of the Co-operative understand the BEAR and BEAR obligations;
- Incidents Management Framework (Breach Reporting) the framework for identifying and assessing incidents and in particular, sets out the process for identifying and assessing whether there has been a breach of BEAR obligations and reporting obligations for BEAR breaches;

In addition to the above controls there are a number of measures which are in place to support ongoing compliance with the BEAR obligations such as the Co-operative's Governance Framework, Risk Management Framework and Compliance Management Framework. These controls play an integral role in supporting the effective implementation of the BEAR and BEAR obligations. Further detail regarding the particular controls which relate to each BEAR obligation are provided in section 3.3 below.

3.3 BEAR Obligations

The BEAR sets out accountability obligations and operational obligations which apply to the Co-operative, Accountable Persons and (as applicable) its employees. The obligations are both systemic and prudential in nature. The obligations and key measures which are put in place by the Co-operative to comply with these obligations are summarised below:

3.3.1 Reasonable Steps

A number of BEAR obligations impose a standard of 'reasonable steps' to be taken by the Co-operative and/or each Accountable Person to comply with the obligation.

Reasonable steps in relation to a matter include (but are not limited to):

- appropriate governance, control and risk management in relation to that matter;
- safeguards against inappropriate delegations of responsibility in relation to that matter; and
- appropriate procedures for identifying and remediating problems that arise or may arise in relation to that matter.

3.3.2Accountability Obligations

Obligation	Comments/Interpretation	Application	Dnister <i>Measure</i>
The Co-operative must	The Co-operative must take reasonable	Dnister	Fit and Proper and BEAR
conduct its business with	steps to conduct its business with	Ukrainian	Policy

Obligation	Comments/Interpretation	Application	Dnister <i>Measure</i>
honesty and integrity,	honesty, integrity, due skill, care and	Credit Co-	Employee Handbook
and with due skill, care	diligence.	operative	Employee Due Diligence
and diligence		Limited	Policy
	The terms "honesty", "integrity", "due		Compliance Management
	skill" and "diligence" are not defined		Framework Policy
	under the BEAR and therefore should be		Risk Management
	interpreted in accordance with their		Framework Policy
	ordinary meaning or established legal		Corporate Governance
	interpretation (as applicable).		Policy
Each Accountable Person	This is an absolute obligation for each	Each	Fit and Proper and BEAR
must act with honesty	Accountable Person to act with honesty,	Accountable	Policy
and integrity, and with	integrity, due skill, care and diligence.	Person	Employee Handbook
due skill, care and			Employee Due Diligence
diligence	The terms "honesty", "integrity", "due		Policy
	skill" and "diligence" are not defined		Conflicts of Interest Policy
	under the BEAR and therefore should be		
	interpreted in accordance with their		
	ordinary meaning or established legal		
	interpretation (as applicable).		
The Co-operative must	The Co-operative must take reasonable	Dnister	Fit and Proper and BEAR
deal with APRA in an	steps to deal with APRA in an open,	Ukrainian	Policy
open, constructive and	constructive and cooperative way.	Credit Co-	Compliance Management
cooperative way		operative	Framework Policy
	The terms "open", "constructive" and	Limited	Risk Management
	"cooperative" are not defined under the		Framework Policy
	BEAR and therefore should be		Corporate Governance
	interpreted in accordance with their		Policy
	ordinary meaning or established legal		Breach Reporting Policy
	interpretation (as applicable).		
Each Accountable Person	This is an absolute obligation for each	Accountable	Fit and Proper and BEAR
must deal with APRA in	Accountable Person to deal with APRA	Persons	Policy
an open, constructive	in an open, constructive and		Compliance Management
and cooperative way	cooperative way.		Framework Policy
			Risk Management
	The terms "open", "constructive" and		Framework Policy
	"cooperative" are not defined under the		Corporate Governance
	BEAR and therefore should be		Policy
	interpreted in accordance with their		Breach Reporting Policy
	ordinary meaning or established legal		
	interpretation (as applicable).		
In conducting its	The Co-operative must take reasonable	Dnister	Fit and Proper and BEAR
business, the Co-	steps to prevent matters from arising	Ukrainian	Policy
operative must prevent	that adversely affect the prudential	Credit Co-	Compliance Management
matters from arising that	standing of the Co-operative.	operative	Framework Policy
would adversely affect		Limited	Risk Management
the Co-operative's			Framework Policy
prudential standing or			Corporate Governance
prudential reputation			Policy
			Breach Reporting Policy
			Conflicts of Interest Policy
In conducting their	Each Accountable Person must take	Accountable	[Insert relevant measures
responsibilities,	reasonable steps to prevent matters	Persons	E.g.
Accountable Persons	from arising that adversely affect the		
must prevent matters	prudential standing of the Co-operative.		Business Unit
from arising that would	The Accountable Person (as applicable)		Risk/Compliance Plans
adversely affect the	will be taken to have met this obligation		
prudential standing or	if they can establish, they have taken		Business Unit Monitoring
	reasonable steps.		and Supervision

Obligation	Comments/Interpretation	Application	Dnister <i>Measure</i>
prudential reputation of the Co-operative.			Business Unit delegations' frameworks
			Business Unit Risk and Compliance Procedures]
Ensure that each of its Accountable Persons meets his or her accountability obligations.	The Co-operative must take reasonable steps to ensure each Accountable Person: acts with honesty and integrity and with due skill, care and diligence; deals with APRA in an open, constructive and cooperative way; and takes reasonable steps in conducting those responsibilities to prevent matters from arising that would adversely affect the prudential standing or prudential reputation of the Co-operative.	Dnister Ukrainian Credit Co- operative Limited	Fit and Proper and BEAR Policy Compliance Management Framework Policy Risk Management Framework Policy Corporate Governance Policy Breach Reporting Policy Conflicts of interest Policy

3.3.3Key Personnel Obligations

Obligation	Comments/Interpretation	Application	[Insert ADI Name]
			Measure
Key personnel	The Co-operative must:	Dnister	BEAR Policy
obligations	a) Ensure that the responsibilities of	Ukrainian	
	its Accountable Persons cover all	Credit Co-	Accountability Map
	parts or aspects of the operations	operative	
	of the Co-operative and specific	Limited	Accountability Statements
	responsibilities as prescribed by the		
	BEAR;		
	b) Ensure that each Accountable		
	Person is registered;		
	c) Ensure that none of its Accountable		
	Persons have been disqualified; and		
	d) Comply with any direction from		
	APRA to reallocate Accountable		
	Person responsibilities;		

3.3.4 Registrations and Notifications

Obligation	Comments/Interpretation	Application	[Insert ADI Name] Measure
All Accountable Persons must be registered with APRA within the prescribed timeframes	 If a new Accountable Person is to be appointed into a permanent position, the Accountable Person must be registered at least 14 days prior to the individual commencing as an Accountable Person; If an Accountable Person is to be appointed into a temporary position for 28 days or more, the Accountable Person must be registered 14 days before they commence (if it is known the period will exceed 28 days) or in any case 	Accountable Persons	Fit and Proper and BEAR Policy – Section 3.7 below

Obligation	Comments/Interpretation	Application	[Insert ADI Name]
	at least 14 days before the role exceeds 28 days; Must be in the approved form as prescribed by APRA and at a minimum must include: a completed registration form; the Accountability Statement for the nominated Accountable Person; and a signed declaration that the ADI is satisfied that the person is suitable to be an Accountable Person which is made by the Chair of the relevant Board committee or a person delegated to sign on the board's behalf.		Measure
Notification requirement - Changes to Accountable Persons must be notified to APRA within the prescribed timeframe	 Changes to Accountable Persons must be notified to APRA within 14 days where: the person ceases to be an Accountable Person; an Accountable Person has been dismissed or suspended due to a failure to comply with his or her accountability obligations. The notification must include an updated registration form. 	Dnister Ukrainian Credit Co- operative Limited CRO or CFO	Fit and Proper and BEAR Policy – section 3.8 below
Notification requirement - Changes to Accountability Map must be notified to APRA within the prescribed timeframe	 Must be notified to APRA within 14 days of the change. Must include a copy of the updated Accountability Map and registration form with a brief description of updates. 	Dnister Ukrainian Credit Co- operative Limited CRO or CFO	Fit and Proper and BEAR Policy – section 3.8 below
Notification requirement - Changes to Accountability Statements must be notified to APRA within the prescribed timeframe	 Must be notified to APRA within 14 days of the change. Must include a copy of the updated Accountability Statement and registration form with a brief description of updates. 	Dnister Ukrainian Credit Co- operative Limited CRO or CFO	Fit and Proper and BEAR Policy – section 3.8 below
Notification requirement - Changes to Remuneration must be notified to APRA within the prescribed timeframe Notification requirement	Changes to remuneration of an Accountable Person must be notified within 14 days after variable remuneration has been reduced due to a failure to comply with the accountability obligations. Must be notified within 14 days after	Dnister Ukrainian Credit Co- operative Limited CRO or CFO Dnister	Fit and Proper and BEAR Policy – section 3.8 below Corporate Governance Charter – Section 5 Remuneration Fit and Proper and BEAR
- Breaches of accountability obligations must be notified to APRA within the prescribed timeframe	becoming aware of a breach of accountability obligations by the ADI or by an Accountable Person.	Ukrainian Credit Co- operative Limited CRO or CFO	Policy – section 3.8 below Breach Reporting Policy]

3.3.5 Remuneration

Obligation	Comments/Interpretation	Application	[Insert ADI Name] Measure
Any variable	The variable remuneration obligation	Dnister	Fit and Proper and BEAR
remuneration relating to	applies to variable remuneration which	Ukrainian	Policy –
an Accountable Person	is greater than \$50,000 for a financial	Credit Co-	
must be deferred in	year.	operative	Corporate Governance
accordance with the		Limited	Charter section 5
amount and period	In addition to deferral of remuneration		Remuneration
prescribed by the BEAR	the Co-operative must maintain a	Accountable	
	Remuneration Policy that complies with	Persons	
	the BEAR.		

3.4 BEAR Roles and Responsibilities

The following roles and responsibilities apply to implementation and oversight of the Co-operative:

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Accountable Persons	Accountable Persons are responsible for:
	complying with the BEAR obligations;
	 ensuring breaches of BEAR obligations are reviewed, assessed and reported in accordance with the Breach Reporting Policy;
	 reviewing and approving the content of their Accountability Statement;
	 holding an up to date copy of their Accountability Statement in their personal
	records;
	maintaining their Accountability Statement and advising the CRO / CFO if their
	responsibilities change and/or the Accountability Statement otherwise requires amendment;
	• fulfilling the responsibilities which are set out in their Accountability Statement,
	having regard to the BEAR obligations and in particular, the reasonable steps requirement.
Employees (including	Employees are responsible for:
contractors and sub-	ensuring they act in accordance with the scope and authority of delegations
contractors)	and instructions as directed by any Accountable Person or the Co-operative;
	and
	immediately reporting incidents and breaches in accordance with the Breach
	Reporting Policy.
Human Resources	Human Resources are responsible for advising the CRO / CFO of the following:
(Appointment of Staff)	all registrations and notifications to APRA, as required under the BEAR
	obligations, which pertain to Accountable Persons, Accountability Statements
	and/or the Accountability Map;
	ensuring that any new director, executive or other senior manager who is
	appointed by the Co-operative is assessed to determine whether they fall
	within the definition of an Accountable Person and if so that the recruitment
	and appointment of the Accountable Person is consistent with their fit and
	proper requirements and that the person is otherwise suitable to be appointed
	as an Accountable Person;
	ensuring all new Accountable Persons are registered with APRA as an
	Accountable Person before they commence in their role with the Co-operative
	and in any case at least 14 days prior to commencement as an Accountable
	Person;
	developing the Accountability Map for the Co-operative and developing and
	Accountability Statements for each Accountable Person;
	maintaining the Accountability Map and ensuring that any updates to the Map
	are provided to APRA within 14 days after any change;
	maintaining a register of Accountable Persons and their Accountability
	Statements and ensuring that any updates to Accountability Statements are
	provided to APRA within 14 days after any change;
	notifying APRA within 14 days of the following changes:

Risk and Compliance	 an individual ceasing to be an Accountable Person; becoming aware of a breach of accountability obligations by the ADI or an Accountable Person; a reduction in variable remuneration or the dismissal or suspension of an Accountable Person because he or she has failed to comply with their accountability obligations. ensuring there is a remuneration policy in place which is compliant with the BEAR; maintaining and implementing this Fit and Proper and BEAR Policy; approving non-material changes to this Fit and Proper and BEAR Policy. Compliance are responsible for: independent advice on BEAR obligations or the steps required by the Cooperative or Accountable Persons to comply with the BEAR obligations; oversight of implementation of this Fit and Proper and BEAR Policy and compliance with BEAR obligations; assessment of incidents and breaches to determine if there is a breach of BEAR
	 assessment of incidents and breaches to determine if there is a breach of BEAR obligations and if so, ensuring that the breach is reported in accordance with these obligations.
Board	Approving this Fit and proper and BEAR Policy and any subsequent material amendments.

3.5 Record Keeping

All records which are held in relation to compliance with this Fit and Propper and BEAR Policy and in particular the BEAR obligations should be kept in accordance with the Co-operative's Record Keeping Policy (COBA record keeping policy).

In particular, each Accountable Person should keep record of their Accountability Statement and appropriate records to evidence compliance with performance of their responsibilities and the BEAR obligations, in particular, records in relation to:

- key decisions pertaining to their particular responsibilities;
- meetings relating to key decisions or prudential matters (E.g. records such as meeting agendas, reports, minutes, action logs);
- delegations to or from the Accountable Person;
- organisational changes and the basis for any decisions in relation to these changes; and
- general management oversight.

The Chief Risk Officer must ensure records are kept of the following key documents relating to BEAR registration and notifications:

- the Accountability Map;
- Accountability Statements;
- a register of all current and previous Accountable Persons;
- notifications to APRA in relation to the Co-operative's Accountability Map, Accountability Statements and/or Accountable Persons.

Records relating to any notification to APRA of a breach of BEAR Obligations will be held by the Chief Risk Officer.

3.6 BEAR Definitions and Abbreviations

Term	Definition
Accountability Map	The document which has been created by the Co-operative in accordance with section 37B of the Banking Act 1959 that shows how the responsibilities of Accountable Persons together cover all parts or aspects of the Co-operative's operations.
Accountability Statement	A formal written statement developed for each Accountable Person which complies with section 37FA of the Banking Act 1959 that details the parts or aspects of the Co-operative's operations for which the Accountable Person is accountable.

Accountable Person	A person, including a director, executive or senior manager, that falls within the definition of section 37BA of the Banking Act 1959 and is therefore an Accountable Person for the Co-operative. The general principle for an Accountable Person under the Act is a person who has	
	actual or effective senior executive responsibility for management or control of the Co-operative, or a substantial part of the operations of the Co-operative.	
	 In accordance with the regime, any person at the Co-operative must be an Accountable Person if they fall into the following classes of Accountable Persons: all directors of the board of Dnister Ukrainian Credit Co-operative Limited' individuals with actual or effective senior executive responsibility for management or control of a significant or substantial part of aspect of the operations of the Co-operative; and / or individuals which senior executive responsibility for one of the particular responsibilities specified in the Act. 	
Act	Banking Act 1959 (Cth)	
ADI	Authorised Deposit-Taking Institution	
APRA	The Australian Prudential Regulation Authority	
BEAR	The Banking Executive Accountability Regime as set out in Part IIAA of the Act.	
Prudential Standing/Prudential	Those matters which materially impact on the Co-operative's financial position and overall conduct of the Co-operative's affairs with integrity, prudence and	
Reputation	professional skill.	

3.7 – New Accountable Person Registration

Registration of New Accountable Persons Instruction

The Co-operative is required to register new Accountable Persons with APRA **14 days before** the nominated Accountable Person commences as an Accountable Person. The following steps should be followed when registering a nominated Accountable Person with APRA:

- a) Assess the skills, background and capability in accordance within this Fit and Proper and BEAR Policy and applicable criteria for the position;
- b) Draft an Accountability Statement applying the Accountability Statement template utilised by the Cooperative and which is tailored for the particular Accountable Person's responsibilities;
- c) Review Accountability Statements of other Accountable Persons and the Accountability Map to ensure there are no consequential changes required to existing Accountability Statements and to verify changes required to the Accountability Map;
- d) Provide the draft Accountability Statement to the nominated Accountable Person for review and signing;
- e) Amend and update the Accountability Map for the Co-operative;
- f) Register the new Accountable Person with APRA **14 days before** the appointment of the Accountable Person or at a minimum, **14 days before** the Accountable Person commences in their role³ including submission of the following documents:
 - Completed registration form in the format prescribed by APRA from time to time;
 - Signed declaration that the ADI is satisfied that the person is suitable to be an Accountable Person in the format prescribed APRA from time to time and signed by the Chair of the Board or their delegate;
 - the Accountability Statement for the nominated Accountable Person;
- g) Notify APRA within 14 days after the change of any:
 - Updated Accountability Map i.e. to the extent any consequential changes are required to reflect the new Accountable Person (refer to Notifications – section 3.8 below);

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³ APRA may query or challenge the nomination of an individual to be an accountable person and his or her responsibilities therefore registration should occur as soon as possible but no later than 14 days before the Accountable Person is due to commence. Individuals are deemed to be registered 14 days after APRA's receipt of a submitted application or any additional information subsequently requested by APRA.

Updated Accountability Statements of other Accountable Persons – i.e. to the extent any
consequential changes are required to reflect the new Accountable Person – (refer to Notifications –
section 3.8 below).

3.8-Notifications

Person Ceasing to be an Accountable Person Instruction

The Co-operative is required to notify APRA when:

- a person ceases to be an Accountable Person;
- the dismissal or suspension of an Accountable Person because the person has failed to comply with his or her accountability obligations.

The following steps should be followed to notify APRA of a person ceasing to be an Accountable Person:

- a) Notify APRA **within 14 days after** the change of the person ceasing to be an Accountable Person by submitting the following documents:
 - APRA Registration Form completed in the relevant section relating to a person ceasing to be an Accountable Person;
- b) Notify APRA within 14 days after the change of any:
 - Updated Accountability Map i.e. to the extent any consequential changes are required to reflect the
 person ceasing as an Accountable Person (refer to Change in Accountability Map Instruction below);
 - Updated Accountability Statements of other Accountable Persons i.e. to the extent any
 consequential changes are required to reflect the person ceasing as an Accountable Person (refer to
 Change in an Accountable Person's Accountability Statement Instruction below).
 - Note that if a new Accountable Person has been nominated to replace the person ceasing (who has
 not previously been registered as an Accountable Person for the Co-operative), registration of the new
 Accountable Person should occur 14 days before the person commences as an Accountable Person
 (refer to New Accountable Person Registration section 3.7 above)

Change in Accountability Map Instruction

The Co-operative must notify APRA of any changes to an Accountability Map within **14 days after** the change. Changes to the Accountability Map of the Co-operative may arise where:

- an Accountable Person has resigned or has been terminated;
- there is a restructure;
- a new Accountable Person is appointed; and / or
- other amendments to the Accountability Map for example arising as a result of a periodic review or update.

The following steps should be followed when notifying APRA of changes to an Accountability Map:

- a) Amend and update the Accountability Map for the Co-operative;
- b) Notify APRA within 14 days **after** the change by submitting the following:
 - Updated Accountability Map; and
 - APRA Registration Form completed in the relevant section to provide a brief description of the update.

Change in an Accountable Person's Accountability Statement Instruction

The Co-operative must notify APRA of any changes to an Accountability Statement within **14 days after** the change.

Changes to the Accountability Statement of the co-operative may arise where:

- an Accountable Person has resigned or has been terminated;
- there is a restructure or an acquisition;
- other amendments to the Accountability Statement for example arising as a result of a periodic review or update or the Accountable Person's responsibilities changing.

The following steps should be followed when notifying APRA of changes to an Accountability Statement:

- a) Amend and update the Accountability Statement/s for the Co-operative;
- b) Provide amended Accountability Statement to the Accountable Person/s for review and signing;
- c) Notify APRA within 14 days after the change by submitting the following:
 - Updated Accountability Statement/s; and

• APRA Registration Form completed in the relevant section to provide a brief description of the update.

Breach of Accountability Obligations by an ADI Instruction

The Co-operative must notify APRA of becoming aware of a breach of accountability obligations by the ADI or by an Accountable Person.

The following steps should be followed when notifying APRA of a dismissal or suspension of an Accountable Person and/or change to Variable Remuneration due to a Breach:

- a) Notify APRA within 14 days after the occurrence of the breach by submitting the following:
 - APRA Notification Form with the relevant section completed.⁴
- b) Undertake such further actions as required by APRA such as providing updates to APRA on remediation actions taken to address the Breach and any other Notifications as required under this BEAR Policy.

Breach of Accountability Obligations by an Accountable Person

The Co-operative must notify APRA of:

- dismissal or suspension of an Accountable Person; and
- a reduction of the variable remuneration of an Accountable Person,

where either of these events have occurred because the person has failed to comply with his or her accountability obligations (**Breach**).

The following steps should be followed when notifying APRA of a dismissal or suspension of an Accountable Person and/or change to Variable Remuneration due to a Breach:

- a) Notify APRA within 14 days after the occurrence of each event by submitting the following:
 - APRA Notification Form with the relevant section completed.⁵
- b) Undertake such further actions as required by APRA such as providing updates to APRA on remediation actions taken to address the Breach and any other Notifications as required under this BEAR Policy.

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⁴ Multiple notifications may need to be provided in relation to the same breach of accountability obligations.

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Part 2 Fit and Proper Regime

4 Criteria for Assessment

4.1 Criteria for Assessment of Responsible Persons / Accountable Persons within the Co-operative

Responsible persons / Accountable persons within Co-operative must:

- possess the competence, character, diligence, honesty, integrity and judgement to perform properly their duties;
- not be disqualified from holding a responsible person / accountable person position under the *Banking Act, 1959*;
- ideally have no conflict of interest in performing the duties of the responsible person / accountable person position;
- if the person has a conflict of interest, it would be prudent for the Co-operative to conclude that the conflict will not create a material risk that the person will fail to perform properly the duties of the position; and
- for a senior manager be ordinarily resident in Australia.

A person will only be assessed as fit and proper for a responsible person / accountable person position within the Co-operative once all of these criteria are satisfied. The Co-operative will define questions that indicate the ability to meet the character component of these criteria. These questionnaires along with the competency and training requirements will be incorporated into the human resource and Director election practices of the Co-operative, wherever possible. They will always be integrated into the appointment process and the performance evaluation process for every responsible person / accountable person.

Notwithstanding these questions, criteria and processes, it is still a matter for the Board of the Co-operative to make the final decision as to whether or not a person is fit and proper; although, this decision may be over ridden by APRA.

Section 6 of this Policy details the process that will occur if a person is not found to be fit and proper.

4.2 Criteria Applying to Responsible Person Auditors

A person serving in a responsible person position as the Co-operative's auditor must also satisfy the criteria mentioned above in relation to responsible person positions within the Co-operative. In addition, to be considered fit and proper the person must:

- (a) be a registered auditor under the Corporations Act 2001;
- (b) be ordinarily resident in Australia;
- (c) be a member of a recognised professional body; and
- (d) have a minimum of 5 years relevant experience in the audit of ADIs (which would make it "prudent to conclude that the person is familiar with current issues in the audit of ADIs).

If the Co-operative believes that, despite not complying with the above criteria, there are exceptional circumstances that make it appropriate for a person to continue in a responsible person auditor position, that person may continue in the position and the Co-operative will promptly notify APRA "of which eligibility criteria are not satisfied and of the exceptional circumstances" that make it appropriate for that person to continue in the position. The person may continue to hold the responsible person auditor position until APRA notifies the Co-operative that it is inappropriate.

The Co-operative will define and maintain competency requirements, questions, criteria and tools for the assessment of responsible person auditors, incorporated in the assessment and appointment process.

5 Time for Conducting a Fit and Proper Assessment

Unless stated otherwise in accordance with this Policy, assessments of a person's fitness and propriety for a responsible person / accountable person position will be made:

- (a) prior to a person being appointed to a responsible person / accountable person position; and
- (b) annually (in August) after appointment to a responsible person / accountable person position.

Assessments of a person's fitness and propriety for a responsible person position will not necessarily be made prior to the appointment of that person to a responsible person position where:

(a) the person holds the position because of a resolution of members of the Co-operative; or

(b) because APRA has determined in writing that the person is a responsible person / accountable person, as the person plays a significant role in the management or control of the Co-operative, or the person's activities may materially impact on prudential matters.

In each of these cases, an assessment of the fitness and propriety of the person is required "to be completed within 28 days of the person becoming the holder of the responsible person / accountable person position".

The Co-operative may conduct reasonable limited checks on fitness and propriety of persons being appointed to responsible person / accountable person positions, if:

- (a) "the regulated institution could not reasonably have anticipated that it would need to appoint someone to the position with sufficient time to conduct a fit and proper assessment; and
- (b) the person holds the position on an interim basis for no more than 90 days or such longer period as APRA agrees in writing".

However, an assessment of the fitness and propriety of the person will be conducted in accordance with the usual procedures under this Policy as soon as practicable. This includes a full assessment of the fitness and propriety of a person holding an interim position, if that position will extend beyond 90 days or such longer period agreed by APRA in writing.

6 Process for Assessment of Fitness and Propriety

- (a) Assessments of fitness and propriety will be built into the Co-operative's recruitment and promotion processes for responsible person positions. In terms of recruitment, the assessment must include:
 - (i) Police checks;
 - (ii) Insolvency Check with Australian Financial Security Authority (AFSA)
 - (iii) Disqualification Register Check with APRA and ASIC
 - (iv) Checks on qualifications:
 - (v) Appropriate references being obtained.
- (b) The process for determining the fitness and propriety of a person within the Co-operative being promoted to a responsible person / accountable person position will be the same with the exception of the advertisement of the position.

The authorised person who is responsible for conducting the assessment will vary depending on the responsible person / accountable person position being filled.

6.1 Persons Responsible for Conducting Fit and Proper Assessments

The Co-operative recognises that a number of people need to be involved in conducting assessments of the fitness and propriety of persons commencing employment in a responsible person / accountable person position as well as of persons holding those positions. Consequently, the Co-operative has assigned the following people responsibility for assessing the fitness and propriety of persons applying for or holding the specified responsible person / accountable person positions.

Responsible Person Position	Assessor
Candidates for election as Director	Corporate Governance Committee
Directors Annual Assessment	Corporate Governance Committee
Auditors	Audit Committee

Chief Executive Officer / Company Secretary	Corporate Governance Committee
Executive Management Team	Corporate Governance Committee
Other Management	Chief Executive Officer

6.2 Information to be Obtained by the Co-operative

The Co-operative requires candidates to complete a Responsible Person / Accountable Person Attestation that includes a declaration relating to the criteria APRA requires the Co-operative to consider when making an assessment of fitness and propriety.

As well as conducting interviews, the assessor will complete checks to ensure the candidate's skills and experience fulfil the competence requirements of the position.

All referees provided by the candidate will also be checked.

The Co-operative recognises that, to make a prudent assessment of a person's fitness and propriety, some of the information that it collects in relation to candidates will be "sensitive information as defined in the *Privacy Act* 1988" and may only be obtained with the consent of the candidate. The candidate will be requested to complete a Candidate Consent Form, which also allows the Co-operative to provide any information that it gathers to APRA.

All sensitive information obtained in relation to a candidate will be treated in accordance with the Co-operative's Privacy and Credit Reporting Policy (GOV-033) and Information Security Policy (GOV-060).

6.3 Annual Fit and Proper Assessments

Assessments of responsible persons / accountable persons holding responsible person / accountable person positions will be conducted on an annual basis in August.

The Co-operative has a check list for the annual fit and proper assessments.

Responsible persons / accountable persons are required to complete an annual attestation. This requires a responsible person / accountable person to declare that the information contained in the statutory declaration is true and correct. It also requires responsible persons / accountable persons to add details of additional qualifications, memberships or training they have obtained during the year as well as asking for any other information that may impact on their assessment as a fit and proper person.

If the Co-operative or the person responsible / accountable person for assessing the fitness and propriety of a responsible person / accountable person, "becomes aware of information that may result in the person being assessed as not fit and proper", a new fit and proper assessment will occur promptly in relation to the responsible person / accountable person. This will include undertaking reasonable inquiries and, if necessary, collecting sensitive personal information and will take into account the possible materiality of the matter.

6.4 Documentation of Fit and Proper Assessments

The Co-operative will document each fit and proper assessment conducted in accordance with this Fit and Proper Policy for each responsible person / accountable person and will retain such documentation for current responsible person / accountable person position and "recently past" responsible persons / accountable persons of the Co-operative. The Co-operative will also retain copies of "information considered in making the assessment". These documents will be stored in a locked filing cabinet by the Chief Risk Officer.

7 When a Responsible Person is not Fit and Proper

If, after the Co-operative has made reasonable enquiries into a person's background for the purpose of assessing them for a responsible person / accountable person position, the Co-operative does not consider the person to be fit and proper (or if a reasonable person in the Co-operative's position would hold that opinion), then the Co-operative will:

- (a) "take all steps it prudently can to ensure that the person is not appointed to, or for an existing responsible / accountable person, does not continue to hold, the responsible person / accountable person position"; or
- (b) if the Co-operative is "unable to refuse to make the appointment or remove the person" from the responsible person / accountable person position, it will notify APRA (refer to *Informing APRA of Certain Information* in this policy for details of the information to be given to APRA). The Co-operative will "not hinder APRA in exercising or considering the exercise of, its powers of removal and disqualification in relation to the person".

The Co-operative must notify APRA "within 10 business days if it assesses that a responsible person / accountable person is not fit and proper".

8 Whistleblowing

As detailed in the Employee handbook PER-001, the Co-operative is committed to fulfilling its obligations under CPS 520 by ensuring a free flow of relevant information to relevant positions in the organisation. Therefore, in accordance with CPS 520, the Co-operative has developed the whistleblowing policy PER-081 (and associated confidential and secure mechanisms) to protect persons making reports to the Co-operative, APRA or other relevant regulatory authority about any non-compliance or unethical behaviour.

In particular the Co-operative encourages reporting of the following beliefs where they are held in good faith.

Reportable belief	Who should make the report	To whom the report should be made	What should be reported
A belief that a responsible person / accountable person does not meet the Cooperative's fit and proper criteria	Employees or Directors of the Co- operative	The person responsible for the assessment of the fitness and propriety of the responsible person / accountable person or APRA or both	The belief and the reasons for it
A belief that the Co- operative has not complied with CPS 520	Employees or Directors of the Co- operative or other persons	APRA	The belief and the reasons for it

To ensure that there can be full disclosure to APRA, the Co-operative will "not constrain, impede, restrict or discourage, whether by confidentiality clauses, policies or other means" a person with a belief that a responsible person / accountable person or the Co-operative has not complied with CPS520 "from disclosing information or providing documents to APRA".

Additionally, employees and all responsible persons / accountable persons will be provided with training in this policy at their induction. They will also be reminded of the policy during their performance evaluations that no person who makes a disclosure regarding compliance with CPS 520 will be "subject to, or threatened with, a detriment because of any notification" and that any person who held a responsible person / accountable person position may disclose information or provide documents to APRA "relating to their reasons for resignation, retirement or removal" or discuss the matter with APRA.

8.1 Investigation of the Belief

When a person (the whistleblower) reports a belief that a responsible person / accountable person does not meet the Co-operative's fit and proper criteria to the person responsible for making the assessment (the assessor), that assessor will keep the report "confidential and secure within the law" and will re-assess the responsible person's fit and proper status "with the objective of locating evidence that either substantiates or refutes the claims made by the whistleblower". If anonymity during the investigation cannot be maintained, a person may request relocation or a leave of absence.

Investigation of the report will include locating evidence, which may necessitate a request for more information from the whistleblower. The Co-operative will provide the whistleblowers with feedback on the investigation into the re-evaluation of the person's fit and proper assessment. The Co-operative will also provide the whistleblower with protection from retaliation. The identity or any information that could identify the whistleblower will not be released to any person who is not involved in the investigation or resolution of the matter.

The Co-operative will take all reasonable steps to ensure that no whistleblower making a disclosure to the Co-operative or to APRA is threatened with, a detriment such as dismissal, demotion, any form of harassment, discrimination or current or future bias, because of their report under this Fit and Proper Policy.

Should a person who has reported a belief that a person is not fit and proper, or a belief that the Co-operative is not complying with CPS 520, believe that they have experienced any such disadvantage, the person is encouraged to report this belief to a Director of the Co-operative, or APRA or both.

8.2 Abuse of Reporting Process

Abuse of the confidential reporting process will not be tolerated. Maliciously reporting unfounded allegations will be treated seriously. All reports made under the confidential reporting process must be made in good faith.

8.3 Monitoring and Training

The Co-operative will monitor and review these whistleblowing provisions annually to assess their effectiveness in encouraging the reporting of reportable beliefs, protection of persons making reports, investigating fairly and effectively and rectifying mistaken assessments.

This monitoring will be facilitated by reports to the Board that will not compromise confidentiality.

Training and education regarding these provisions will be conducted on a regular basis, including practical advice and the criteria used to assess whether a person is a fit and proper person and encourage whistleblowing to its Directors and to those of its employees, "who are likely to have information relevant to fit and proper assessments".

9 Informing APRA of Certain Information

CPS 520 and BEAR impose on the Co-operative a number of obligations to notify APRA of certain information, in writing and, at times, in the prescribed manner, to ensure that all information provided to APRA remains current for all responsible persons. The Co-operative will comply with these obligations which can be summarised as follows:

Circumstance giving rise to notifying APRA	Information to be notified to APRA	Time at which information to be notified
Appointment or election of a person to a responsible person / accountable person position	 "The following details, to the extent known to the regulated institution: the person's name, date of birth (for identification purposes only), the person's position and main responsibilities; and a statement whether the person complies with the fit and proper criteria as applicable. 	Within 28 days of the appointment BEAR within 14 days by lodging an accountability statement and updated accountability map.
A responsible person / accountable person resigns, retires or is removed.	Notification of that change.	Within 28 days of the change BEAR within 14 as above.
There is a material change in the responsibilities of a responsible person / accountable person.	Details of the material change to the responsibilities of a responsible person / accountable person.	Within 28 days of the change BEAR within 14 days as above.
The Co-operative "forms the belief that a person is not fit and proper for a responsible person / accountable person position they hold"	The basis for the belief and: (a) if the person remains in the responsible person / accountable person position, the notification must state the reason for this and the action being taken; or (b) if the person no longer holds the responsible person / accountable person position for which the regulated institution considers they	"As soon as practicable, and in any event, within 10 business days after the date when the relevant belief was formed." BEAR within 14 days as above.

Circumstance giving rise to notifying APRA	Information to be notified to APRA	Time at which information to be notified
	were not fit and proper, a statement of that fact.	
The Co-operative "forms the belief that information material to an assessment required by the Fit and Proper Policy is held by any person but that, having taken reasonable steps to obtain the information from that person, it has not been obtained within a reasonable time."	The following: (a) "what the information relates to; (b) who has it; (c) what steps the Co-operative has taken to obtain it."	"As soon as practicable, and in any event, within 10 business days after the date when the relevant belief was formed." BEAR within 14 days as above
Annual reporting	The following: (a) "a list of the Co-operative's responsible persons / accountable persons with, for each, their date of birth (for identification purposes only) and the responsible person position that they hold at the date of lodgement of the list.	Annual D2A Reporting ARF520 Report as at 31 March. BEAR, as and when changes occur and then within 14 days.
A request from APRA for information or documentation "to assist APRA in assessing the fitness and propriety of a person" for CPS 520.	The information requested, which may include a copy of the Fit and Proper Policy.	As specified at the time by APRA

10 Review and Publication of Fit and Proper and BEAR Policy

This Fit and Proper and BEAR Policy is not a static document and should at all times reflect the Co-operative's statutory obligations and best practices. Consequently, this policy will be reviewed at least annually and when new guidelines are issued by APRA or other statutory bodies to ensure that both the policy and the implementation of the policy meet the current requirement.

The Co-operative will make the policy available to any person upon request. A copy of the Fit and Proper and BEAR Policy will also be provided to all candidates for election as a Director "as soon as possible after the candidate is nominated" as well as to "any other person before an assessment of their fitness and propriety is conducted".

There will also be an annual training session for all responsible persons / accountable persons on the provisions of this Fit and Proper and BEAR Policy and a copy will be given as part of the induction process to all persons employed, promoted or elected into a responsible person / accountable person position.

11 Fit and Proper and Risk Management

Having a person who is not fit and proper employed in a responsible person / accountable person position must be considered a compliance risk. Consequently, this Fit and Proper and BEAR Policy will form part of the Cooperative's risk management system as required under *Prudential Standard APS 310 Audit and Related Arrangements for Prudential Reporting*.

12 Definitions

12.1- Responsible Person Definitions

Director

A Director is defined in section 9 of the Corporations Act 2001 as:

- (a) "a person who:
 - (i) is appointed to the position of a director; or
 - (ii) is appointed to the position of an alternate director and is acting in that capacity; regardless of the name that is given to their position; and
- (b) unless the contrary intention appears, a person who is not validly appointed as a director if:
 - (i) they act in the position of a director; or
 - (ii) the directors of the Co-operative are accustomed to act in accordance with the person's instructions or wishes.

Subparagraph (b)(ii) does not apply merely because the directors act on advice given by the person in the proper performance of functions attaching to the person's professional capacity, or the person's business relationship with the directors or the Co-operative body."

Responsible Person / Accountable Person

A responsible person is defined in paragraph 14 of CPS 520 and the BEAR as

- (a) a director of the regulated institution;
- (b) a senior manager of the regulated institution;
- (c) an appointed auditor who provides any report in relation to the ADI that is required to be prepared by an auditor under the Banking Act, prudential standards made under the Banking Act or reporting standards under the Financial Sector (Collection of Data) Act 2001 (responsible person auditor); and
- (d) any other person whom APRA determines by notifying the regulated institution in writing being a person whom APRA is satisfied plays a significant role in relation to the management or control of the regulated institution, or provides services or support for it which are of a prudentially significant nature."

Responsible Person / Accountable Person Position

The "responsible person / accountable Person position means the functions and duties to be undertaken by a responsible person / accountable person that involve any relevant activities. A person need not be an employee of the regulated institution to be a responsible person / accountable person. In some circumstances a consultant or contractor may be a responsible person / accountable person."

Senior Manager

A Senior Manager is any person who is responsible for senior management activities. These activities "may materially affect the whole or a substantial part of the regulated institution's business or its financial standing" and may include any of the following:

- "(a) participation in decision making;
- (b) implementing strategies and enforcing policies approved by the Board of directors;
- (c) developing and implementing processes or systems that identify, assess, manage or monitor risks in relation to business activities and operations; and
- (d) monitoring the appropriateness, adequacy or effectiveness of risk management systems."

Normally, this will not extend beyond the CEO, and those reporting to the CEO.

Appendix A

The Co-operative's Schedule of Responsible Person / Accountable Person Positions Designated Responsible Persons as at 11 June 2019

Category of Responsible Persons / Accountable Persons	sponsible Persons / Accountable Person Position		Date of Birth
Directors	Chairman	David Hassett	27/12/1964
	Director / Deputy Chairman	Bohdan Wojewidka	3/4/1956
	Director	John Lipkiewicz	25/9/1955
	Director	Michael Kwas	26/1/1946
	Director	Wal Mykytenko	3/11/1938
	Director	Andrew Pavuk	4/12/1956
	Director	David Makohon	14/10/1982
	Company Secretary	Liam Tiernan	26/4/1968
Senior Managers	Chief Executive Officer	Liam Tiernan	26/4/1968
	Chief Financial Officer/Deputy CEO	Vacant	
	Lending & Member Services Executive	Ivanna Bernyk	19/1/1974
	Marketing & ICT Executive	Sonja van de Camp	24/10/1970
	Chief Risk Officer	Philip Timewell	15/03/1962
Auditors	Crowe Horwath	David Munday	13/03/1976
	K S Nathan Chartered Accountants	Siva Nathan	

The Co-operative's Responsible Person / Accountable Person Competency Matrix

As required by CPS 520 and BEAR and using RG 105 as guidance, the Co-operative has defined and documented "the competencies required for each responsible person / accountable person position" as follows. This documentation includes "any training or induction processes required" for each responsible person / accountable person position "on appointment to the position and on an ongoing basis".

Category of Responsible Persons	Responsible Person Position	Competencies necessary prior to commencement	Induction process	On-going training
Directors	Chairman	Each Director: - industry knowledge/ experience - knowledge of the Co- operative & Ukrainian community - ability to probe and challenge key strategic issues and an ability to understand all stakeholders' views and issues - communications skills Combined Directors Skills - financial skills - audit & risk management - corporate governance understanding -effective leader and motivator - Strategic Focus - Mentor for Directors - Good Judgement	Policies and procedures of the Cooperative. Directors Handbook Introduction to Understanding Financial Reports	AICD, AM I or other professional industry related development programs

The Co-operative's Responsible Person Competency Matrix

Category of Responsible Persons	Responsible Person Position	Competencies necessary prior to commencement	Induction process	On-going training
	Company Secretary	Professional degree (either legal or financial) and prior experience in a similar role	Policies and Procedures Directors Handbook Employees Handbook	AICD, AMI or other professional industry related development programs
	Chief Executive Officer	Degree level commerce qualification and 5 years' experience in a senior managerial position		
Senior	Chief Financial Officer/Deputy CEO	Degree level accounting qualifications, CA/CPA, and 5 years' experience in a senior managerial/finance position	Policies and Procedures Employees Handbook	AMI or other related professional development programs
Managers	Lending & Member Services Executive	5 years' experience in a senior lending position		
	Marketing & ICT Executive	5 years' experience in a senior management position		
	Chief Risk Officer	Degree level commerce or law qualifications and/or 5 years' experience in a senior compliance or risk position and/or meets widely adopted relevant industry standard, or relevant standard set by APRA.		

Appendix B Fit and Proper Documentation

Document B 1: Responsible Person / Accountable Person Checklist- Directors & Executive Management

Note that all the necessary forms below can be found in the system at;

IMPORTANT: The Fit & Proper check must be completed within 28 days of the new manager / Director commencing, as ASIC will apply penalties if not advised within this timeframe.

	w:\Compliance\3.9 Fit & Proper\Current Forms
•	Document 2.1: Character Criteria for Fit and Proper Assessment O To be completed by person Fit & Proper is being performed on, and witnessed by those able to witness statutory declarations.
•	Document 5: Candidate Consent Form O To be completed by person Fit & Proper is being performed on before you are able to collect any information for the Fit & Proper checks.
•	Document 7: Director Independence Declaration. O To be completed by person Fit & Proper is being performed on.
•	 Conflict of Interest Declaration. To be completed by person Fit & Proper is being performed on. Is the assessor confident that these conflicts will not create a material risk that the person will not properly perform their duties.
•	Deed of Confidentiality. O To be completed by person Fit & Proper is being performed on.
•	Verification of the individual's claimed qualifications from the issuing institution(s) – Copies of Degrees etc. To be verified with the institution/organization/association.
•	Verification of the individual's claimed experience from previous employers or co-workers. o 1 o 2 o 3
•	Candidate's Reference Check – call and performs the reference check. The form can be found in the compliance folder as noted above. o 1 o 2 o 3

- Police Check/Court Check Australian Federal Police (AFP)
 - $\circ\quad$ To be completed by person Fit & Proper is being performed on.
 - Send to AFP with required payment cheque to obtain the police report this may take up to 6 weeks, so it is essential to get this posted ASAP.
 - o Applications may be processed online.

- Bankrupt person and company search and insolvency check Australian Financial Security Authority (AFSA)
 - o To be completed by the Compliance & Risk Manager using Veda credit checking facility in lending department. They will send a response back with what their records retrieved.
- Professional Association enquiries i.e. CPA
 - o Check with organization if their membership is still valid
- Check ASIC Register Banned and Disqualified Persons
 - o <u>www.search.asic.gov.au/ban.html</u> check under AFS banned/ disqualified persons. Printout the list and make sure to hit the **more** button to ensure that there aren't two or more pages.
- Check APRA Registers Disqualification and Enforceable Undertakings Registers
 - www.apra.gov.au/Disqualification-Register-List.cfm printout the list and check that the person is not on this list.
 - www.apra.gov.au/CrossIndustry/Pages/EnforceableUndertakings.aspx printout the list and check that the person is not on this list.
- If there are any adverse findings to any of the above, then further investigation may be required.

 Whether required or what the nature of this is will have to be determined on a case by case analysis.
- Screen against the Transwatch system as required under the AML / CTF program.
- A Meeting must be called of the Corporate Governance Committee. They must then assess with the
 information gathered, or any other knowledge they may have, whether that person is Fit & Proper for
 their position and possess the requisite competence to carry out the position;
 - Director standing for re-election
 - New person standing for election.
 - Annual director assessment

Corporate Governance (Nominations) Committee Members Assessing;

- Chief Executive Officer/Company Secretary
- Executives
- Auditors

Signature:	Name:	Date

ADDITIONAL CHECKLIST FOR APPROVED PERSONS ONLY

- ASIC will have to be informed. This must be done within 28 days or late fees will apply. (Chief Risk Officer)
- APRA will have to be informed. (Chief Risk Officer)
- Provide new Director, Manager, or Auditor with copy of current Policies and Charters. (Chief Risk Officer)
- Send outlook invitation for Board and Committee Meetings (Director only) (CEO/Company Secretary)
- Announcement of appointment internally and externally (Chairman and CEO)
- Building security access (FOB). (Chief Financial Officer)
- Update Phone Listing and Website Director/ Manager Profile (Marketing & ICT Executive)
- Update Business Continuity Plan (BCP) (Chief Risk Officer)
- Update Conflict of Interest Matrix (Chief Risk Officer)

This completes the process and the file can now be stored in the Fit & Proper file for our records.

Chief Risk Officer.

Signature:	Name:	Date:

Document B 2: Character Criteria for Fit and Proper Assessment upon election or prior to appointment to a responsible person / accountable person position.

2.1: Character Attestation

Responsible Person / Accountable Person Character Attestation Form

I ______ of _____ state that at no time have I:

- Failed to comply, in any material respect, with the Co-operative Constitution, Corporate Governance Charter and Policies, and Director's code of conduct.
- Failed to discharge with diligence, honesty, integrity, or judgment my responsibilities as a director or manager of, or professional services provider to, a body corporate, statutory body, partnership trust, or commercial enterprise of any kind.
- Been subject to justifiable criticism, discipline, punishment, adverse findings, directions or orders, by a court, tribunal, official inquiry, regulatory agency, complaints handling body, dispute resolution body, or professional or industry body concerning my conduct in relation to:
 - (i) the management of an entity; or
 - (ii) commercial or professional activities.
- Been subject to civil or criminal proceedings, or enforcement actions, in relation to:
 - (i) the management of an entity; or
 - (ii) commercial or professional activities;

that were determined adversely against me (this includes my consenting to an order or direction, and to my giving an undertaking not to engage in unlawful or improper conduct) and which reflected adversely on my competence, character, diligence, honesty, integrity or judgement.

- Been expelled or excluded from, or refused admission to, a professional or industry body, or a clearing house or exchange.
- Been involved with the affairs of an entity that was expelled or excluded from, or refused admission to, a professional or industry body, or a clearing house or exchange where I engaged in conduct that caused or contributed to the entity's expulsion, exclusion or non-admission.
- Been refused a licence or authorisation relating to a commercial or professional activity or had such a licence or authorisation revoked.
- Been involved with the affairs of an entity that was refused a licence or authorisation relating to a commercial
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- Had my appointment terminated, or been asked to resign, from a position as director or manager or
 professional service provider to an entity in circumstances which reflected adversely on my competence,
 character, diligence, honesty, integrity, or judgment in discharging my responsibilities in the position.
- Seriously or persistently failed to manage my debts or financial affairs in accordance with my contractual or other legal obligations where this failure caused loss to others.
- Been or acted as a director or manager of, or professional advisor to, an entity that:
 - (i) was, or later came to be, insolvent;
 - (ii) was, or later came to be, under insolvency administration;
 - (iii) was, or later came to be, under statutory or judicial management; or
 - (iv) failed to repay or otherwise failed to meet its financial obligations to, creditors or beneficiaries,

and engaged in unreasonable or unlawful conduct that caused or contributed to the insolvency, placement under insolvency administration or statutory or judicial management, or failure to repay or otherwise meet obligations to creditors or beneficiaries.

Document B 2: Character Criteria for Fit and Proper Assessment upon election or prior to appointment to a responsible person / accountable person position.

2.1: Character Attestation

- Contravened any regulatory requirement or professional standard relating to:
 - (i) the management of an entity; or
 - (ii) commercial or professional activities.
- Been unreasonably or improperly obstructive of, or misleading or untruthful in dealing with, a court, tribunal, official inquiry, regulator, complaints handling body, dispute resolution body, or professional or industry body.
- Breached a fiduciary obligation or other legal or professional obligation involving trust or conflict of interest or perpetuated or participated in negligent, deceitful or otherwise discreditable business or professional practices.
- Failed to comply with a fit and proper policy of an APRA-regulated institution.

I further attest that I have never been disqualified from holding a responsible person position under the *Banking Act* 1959 (Cth).

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Signature	Date
Witness	Date
Print Witness Name	

2.2: Questions Asked of Nominated Referees

Introduce yourself.

[Name of responsible person / accountable person] has applied for the position of [insert position] at Co-operative. S/he has nominated you as a referee.

The Australian Prudential Regulation Authority has issued *Prudential Standard CPS 520 Fit and Proper Person and the BEAR Act*, which requires certain information to be collected about and attested to by candidates for what it terms Responsible Persons / Accountable Persons Positions. [Insert position] is such a position and we have been authorised by [name of responsible person / accountable person] to ask you about issues contained in the Standard. I can fax you a copy of their consent form if you wish.

I have a series of questions to ask as to the eligibility of [name of responsible officer / accountable person] for the position.

Competence

To the best of your knowledge does [name of responsible officer] possess the following:

- [Insert claimed academic credentials]
- [Insert claimed experience and probe on performance]

[Insert claimed professional memberships] Do you think [name of responsible person / accountable person] is competent to perform the role of [insert position]? Yes 🗖 No ☐ Details: Character To the best of your knowledge has [name of applicant] ever: Failed to discharge his/her responsibilities as a director or manager of, or professional services provider to, a body corporate, statutory body, partnership trust, or commercial enterprise of any kind with diligence, honesty, integrity, or judgement? No 🗖 Yes Details: Been subject to justifiable criticism, discipline, punishment, adverse findings, directions or orders, by a court, tribunal, official inquiry, regulatory agency, complaints handling body, dispute resolution body, or professional or industry body concerning his/her conduct in relation to: (i) the management of an entity; or (ii) commercial or professional activities? No 🖵 Yes Details:

• Been subject to civil or criminal proceedings, or enforcement actions, in relation to:

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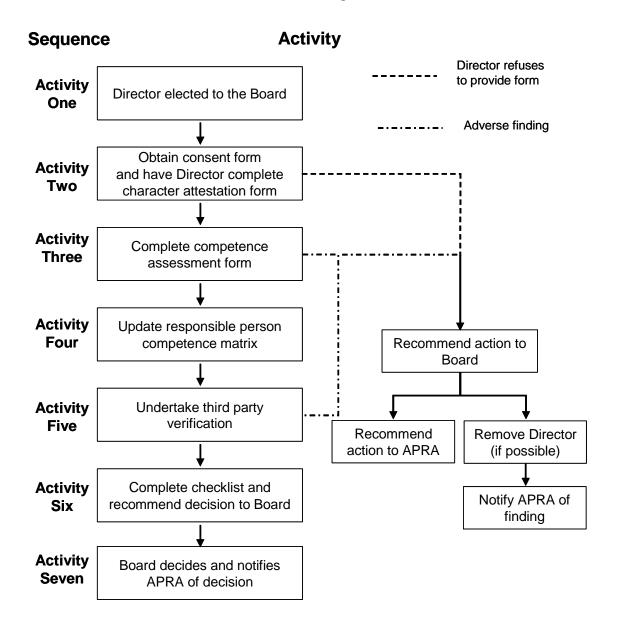
2.2: Questions Asked of Nominated Referees

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Document B 3: Responsible Person / Accountable Person Appointment Process

3.1: Director Appointment Process

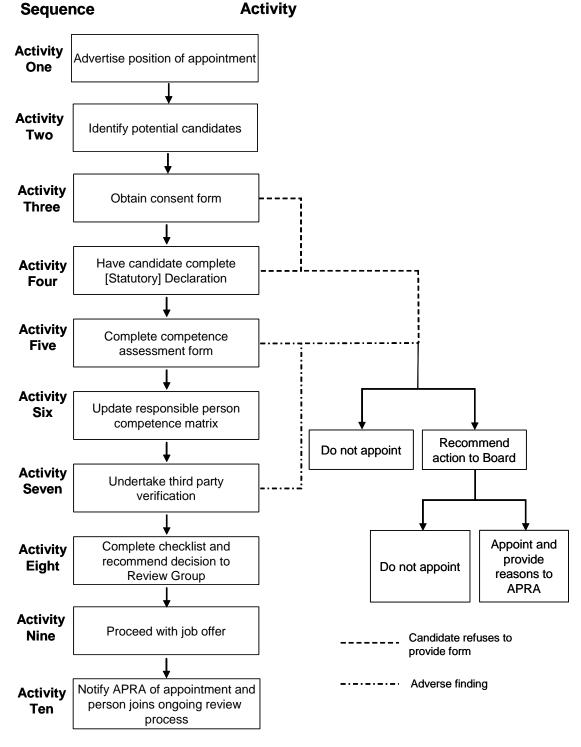
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Document B 3: Responsible Person / Accountable Person Appointment Process

3.2: Management Responsible Person / Accountable Person Appointment Process

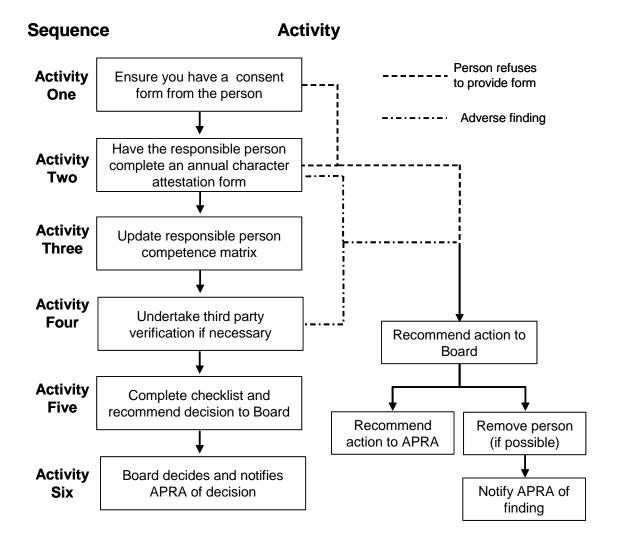
Process for ensuring responsible person appointments are fit and proper



Document B 3: Responsible Person / Accountable Person Appointment Process

3.3: Annual Review Process

Activities involved in reviewing responsible persons



Document B 4: Competence Assessment Form

Competence Assessment Form							
Name of person being assessed:							
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Please list any other for the position:	relevan	t factors th	nat you believe highlight the per	son possesses th	ne appropriate skills ar	nd experience	
Signed by the Asses	sor:						
Signature							

Date

Name

Document B 5: Candidate Consent Form

Consent Form Regarding Recruitment and Review of Incumbents for Responsible Person / Accountable Person Positions

The Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) has issued *Prudential Standard CPS 520 Fit and Proper and the BEAR Act* that requires certain information to be collected about and attested to by candidates for what it terms Responsible Person / Accountable Person Positions. In relation to this information and other information collected by Co-operative about you during its recruitment / election / appointment or review process, Co-operative is required to comply with the *Privacy Act 1988 and Privacy Amendment (Enhancing Privacy Protection) Act 2012* (the Act), which places minimum standards on private sector organisations for the way they collect, use, disclose and store personal information about individuals. Procedures have been implemented within Co-operative to safeguard and protect your personal information at all stages within the process.

To enable us to manage our process effectively and obtain and maintain your details within the guidelines of the Act, we seek your consent to:

- 1. Collect, review and store your personal information for recruitment and/or assessment of your fitness and propriety to hold a Responsible Person / Accountable Person Position;
- 2. Complete reference checks based on your nominated referees, if required;
- 3. Obtain information from professional bodies with which you claim to be affiliated;
- 4. Obtain information from educational institutions or other training organisations from which you claim to hold qualifications;
- 5. Hold your résumé for future reference within Co-operative should any other suitable positions arise;
- 6. Notify APRA of any personal information that it requests or requires in relation to you in accordance with its powers and functions; and
- 7. Provide a person with a copy of this Consent Form Regarding Recruitment for Responsible Person / Accountable Person Positions to assist with any of the above purposes.

Full name:	 	 	
Signed:	 	 	
Date:	 	 	

I have read and agree to the information above:

Please refer to our website, www.dnister.com.au, for further details regarding Co-operative's Privacy & Credit Reporting Policy. If you have any queries regarding the above, you can contact the Chief Executive Officer. Should you not wish for us to retain your details if you are unsuccessful in your application, please notify the Chief Executive Officer and we will delete your information.

Document B 6: Annual Attestation Form Criteria

10	of	state that at no time over the past 13 months
have I		

- Failed to comply, in any material respect, with the Co-operative's Constitution, Corporate Governance Charter and Policies, and where applicable, the Director's code of conduct.
- Failed to discharge with diligence, honesty, integrity, or judgment my responsibilities as a director or manager
 of, or professional services provider to, a body corporate, statutory body, partnership trust, or commercial
 enterprise of any kind.
- Been subject to justifiable criticism, discipline, punishment, adverse findings, directions or orders, by a court, tribunal, official inquiry, regulatory agency, complaints handling body, dispute resolution body, or professional or industry body concerning my conduct in relation to:
 - (i) the management of an entity; or
 - (ii) commercial or professional activities.
- Been subject to civil or criminal proceedings, or enforcement actions, in relation to:
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that were determined adversely against me (this includes my consenting to an order or direction, and to my giving an undertaking not to engage in unlawful or improper conduct) and which reflected adversely on my competence, character, diligence, honesty, integrity or judgement.

- Been expelled or excluded from, or refused admission to, a professional or industry body, or a clearing house or exchange.
- Been involved with the affairs of an entity that was expelled or excluded from, or refused admission to, a
 professional or industry body, or a clearing house or exchange where I engaged in conduct that caused or
 contributed to the entity's expulsion, exclusion or non-admission.
- Been refused a licence or authorisation relating to a commercial or professional activity or had such a licence or authorisation revoked.
- Been involved with the affairs of an entity that was refused a licence or authorisation relating to a commercial
 or professional activity or had such a licence or authorisation revoked where I engaged in conduct that caused
 or contributed to the refusal or revocation of the licence or authority.
- Had my appointment terminated, or been asked to resign, from a position as director or manager or professional service provider to an entity in circumstances which reflected adversely on my competence, character, diligence, honesty, integrity, or judgment in discharging my responsibilities in the position.
- Seriously or persistently failed to manage my debts or financial affairs in accordance with my contractual or other legal obligations where this failure caused loss to others.
- Been or acted as a director or manager of, or professional advisor to, an entity that:
 - (i) was, or later came to be, insolvent;
 - (ii) was, or later came to be, under insolvency administration;
 - (iii) was, or later came to be, under statutory or judicial management; or
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and engaged in unreasonable or unlawful conduct that caused or contributed to the insolvency, placement under insolvency administration or statutory or judicial management, or failure to repay or otherwise meet obligations to creditors or beneficiaries.

- Contravened any regulatory requirement or professional standard relating to:
 - (i) the management of an entity; or

Document B 6: Annual Attestation Form Criteria

- (ii) commercial or professional activities.
- Been unreasonably or improperly obstructive of, or misleading or untruthful in dealing with, a court, tribunal, official inquiry, regulator, complaints handling body, dispute resolution body, or professional or industry body.
- Breached a fiduciary obligation or other legal or professional obligation involving trust or conflict of interest or perpetuated or participated in negligent, deceitful or otherwise discreditable business or professional practices.

I have no change in any conflict(s) of interest (or perceived conflict(s) of interest) with my position except those stated

- Failed to comply with a fit and proper policy of an APRA-regulated institution.
- Been disqualified from holding a responsible person position under the Banking Act 1959 (Cth).

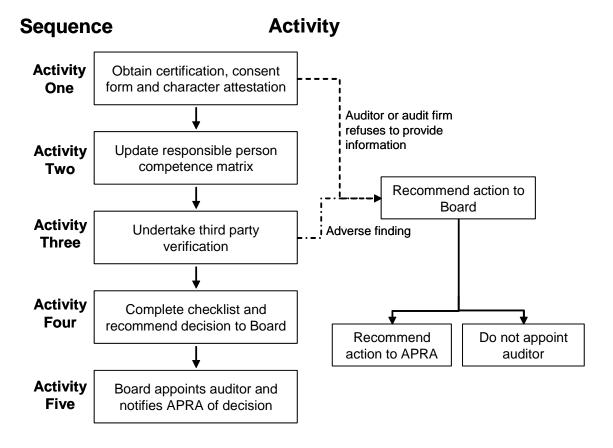
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Details of any exception:		
		
I also state that during the last 13 m	onths, I gained the following ad	dditional qualifications, memberships and/or train
The only other information that may	/ impact on the assessment of r	my fitness and propriety is as follows:
Signed:		
Signature	Date	
Witness	Date	
Print Witness Name		

Document B 7: Directors Independence Declaration

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Signature		- [Date				
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Print Witness Name							

Document B 8: Responsible Person Auditor Assessment Criteria and Process

8.1: Auditor Appointment Process



Document B 8: Responsible Person Auditor Assessment Criteria and Process

8.2: Auditor Competence Certification Criteria

Auditor Competence Certification Form

Auditor: Respons	sible Person:	(firm) 					
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Please p	rovide detail	s of all relevant	professional asso		e respon	nsible person belongs:	
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Is the responsible person registered as an auditor under the Corporations Act 2001?	
Yes/No	
Is the responsible person ordinarily resident in Australia?	
Yes/No	
Has the responsible person ever been disqualified from holding the position of auditor or any position?	other responsible person
Yes/No	
Does the person hold a conflict of interest that would lead a prudent person to conclude that the person will not properly perform the position?	nere is a material risk that
Yes/No	
If Yes, please provide details:	
	
Has the Responsible Person completed the appropriate Attestation Form?	
Yes/No	
Signed by Assessor:	
Signature	
Name Date	

Document B 8: Responsible Person Auditor Assessment Criteria and Process

8.3: Auditor Reference Check Criteria

Introduce yourself.

We are considering engaging [Name of responsible officer] as Auditor of Co-operative. S/he has nominated you as a referee.

APRA has issued Prudential Standard CPS 520 Fit and Proper, which requires certain information to be collected about and attested to by candidates for what it terms Responsible Officer Positions. The Auditor of Co-operative is such a position and we have been authorised by [name of responsible officer] to ask you about issues contained in the standard. I can fax you a copy of their consent form if you wish.

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Thank interviewee for time. Signed by the Interviewer:	
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Name	 Date

Schedule 1 – Review History

The table below provides details on the amendments made to this policy:

Date & Endorsed by	Review changes/comments
Board approved Policy on	Version 1.1
20 th September 2006.	
July 2009 – Corporate	Amendments to chapter 6 and Reporting Schedule in chapter 8.
Governance Committee	Other minor changes and formatting.
1 March 2011 – Corporate	No changes.
Governance Committee	
16 March 2011 - Board	
Jul 2012 – Corporate	Minor grammatically changes only.
Governance Committee	
24 Jul 2012 - Board	
13 Aug 2013 – Corporate	APS520 is now CPS520 Updated January 2013. As a result, considerable
Governance Committee	changes have been made to the policy that reflect the updated standard.
27 Aug 2013 - Board	Attachment 1 removal of subsidiary section at and because we do not have
	Attachment 1 removal of subsidiary section at end because we do not have a subsidiary and it is not relevant.
	a substitutity and it is not relevant.
	The Policy has been considerably reworded in order to clarify the policy and
	align it with CPS520.
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10 Jun 2014 – Corporate	"Dnister" replaced with "the Co-operative"
Governance Committee	"ITSA" replaced with "Australian Financial Security Authority (AFSA)" as it
24 Jun 2014 - Board	was renamed
	"Privacy Policy" extended to "Privacy and Credit Reporting Policy"
18 Jun 2015 – Corporate	Change "Audit & Risk Management" to "Audit"
Governance Committee	3.1 dot point 3 insert the word "ideally" at the start
30 Jun 2015 - Board	
08 Dec 2016 – Corporate	Change of title "Corporate Services Manager" to "Chief Financial Officer".
Governance Committee	Capitalised "Director" where not a quote.
22 Dec 2016 - Board	
12 San 2017 Carparata	No chango
12 Sep 2017 – Corporate Governance Committee	No change.
26 Sep 2017 - Board	
4 Dec 2018 Corporate	As detailed in the summary of changes document dated 4 December 2018
Governance Committee	7.5 detailed in the summary of changes document dated 4 December 2010
18 Dec 2018 Board	
11 June 2019 Corporate	Refer to the summary of changes document dated 11 June 2019
Governance Committee	,
25 June 2019 - Board	
23 June2020 – Corporate	Refer to summary of changes document dated 16 June 2020.
Governance Committee	, -
30 June 2020 - Board	
8 June 2021 - Corporate	Refer to summary of changes document dated 8 June 2021.
Governance Committee	
29 June 2021 - Board	