

**Consumer Codes Approval Scheme
Code Sponsors Panel Meeting**

4. Codes Review for BEIS

BEIS are interested in hearing from somebody or CTSI. A Simpson read from the Board minutes and that it had been agreed this is to be led by the CTSI.

It was discussed that CCAS was underinvested and any future resources would be an investment. The policy on CCAS is unclear

There was a further discussion with the Panel on the problems around large businesses not wanting to be audited on their processes and the issue of taking away the “.gov” extension from CTSI. Brand is important – A Simpson to share last YouGov survey which detailed brand awareness

ACTON: A Simpson to circulate YouGov report.

5. Governance and Propriety

A Simpson shared a copy of the Code Sponsors Panel – Terms of Reference dated September 2015

The Panel stated:

Structure of all the codes group need re-addressing

If we are to seek funding from BEIS then governance may need to be stronger

Big organisations need to have confidence they are well presented

The Panel needs to be strong and there was a question about the Panel relationship with the Board

There is a requirement for mechanism flows

Governance needs to be more transparent

B Hughes needs to be involved in this

As more codes join the more surplus will be generated meaning that spending is more likely to be questioned

Decisions need to be made on the make-up of a capable Panel as it is starting to show stress

Panel needs another 2 members

Staggered terms – how to change panel members – decided a process is required

Representation, communication and engagement

R Hodgkinson said, that as Chair, there appears to be a firewall between the Board, which needs to be discussed. CTSI is seen as independent, so too is CCAS. There is cross-representation - how we meet lack of clarity for communication with the Panel and the Board.