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#### **Recommended all-share combination**

of

**OneSavings Bank plc** 

and

#### **Charter Court Financial Services Group plc**

#### **Combination Update – Competition Clearance**

On 14 March 2019, the Boards of OneSavings Bank plc ("**OSB**") and Charter Court Financial Services Group plc ("**Charter Court**") announced that they had reached agreement on the terms of a recommended all-share combination for the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Charter Court (the "**Combination**"). The full terms and conditions of the Combination are set out in the scheme document which was published on 15 May 2019 (the "**Scheme Document**").

In particular, the Combination remained subject to the conditions set out in Part III of the Scheme Document, which stated that the Combination was conditional (amongst other things) on the Competition and Markets Authority (the "**CMA**") confirming, in terms reasonably satisfactory to OSB, that the Combination or any matter arising therefrom or related thereto or any part of it will not be subject to a reference under sections 22 or 33 of the Enterprise Act 2002 (the "**CMA**").

OSB and Charter Court are pleased to confirm that, on 30 July 2019, the CMA announced that it does not intend to refer the Combination under the provisions of the Enterprise Act 2002 and that the CMA's clearance was unconditional.

The CMA Condition has therefore been satisfied.

Completion of the Combination remains subject to other outstanding conditions, including receipt of regulatory approvals from the FCA and PRA. Further announcements will be made as necessary in due course.

Terms used but not defined in this announcement have the meanings given in the Scheme Document unless the context requires otherwise.

The person responsible for arranging the release of this announcement on behalf of OSB is Jason Elphick, Company Secretary and the person responsible for arranging the release of this announcement of behalf of Charter Court is Sebastien Maloney, Chief Financial Officer.

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## Other

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