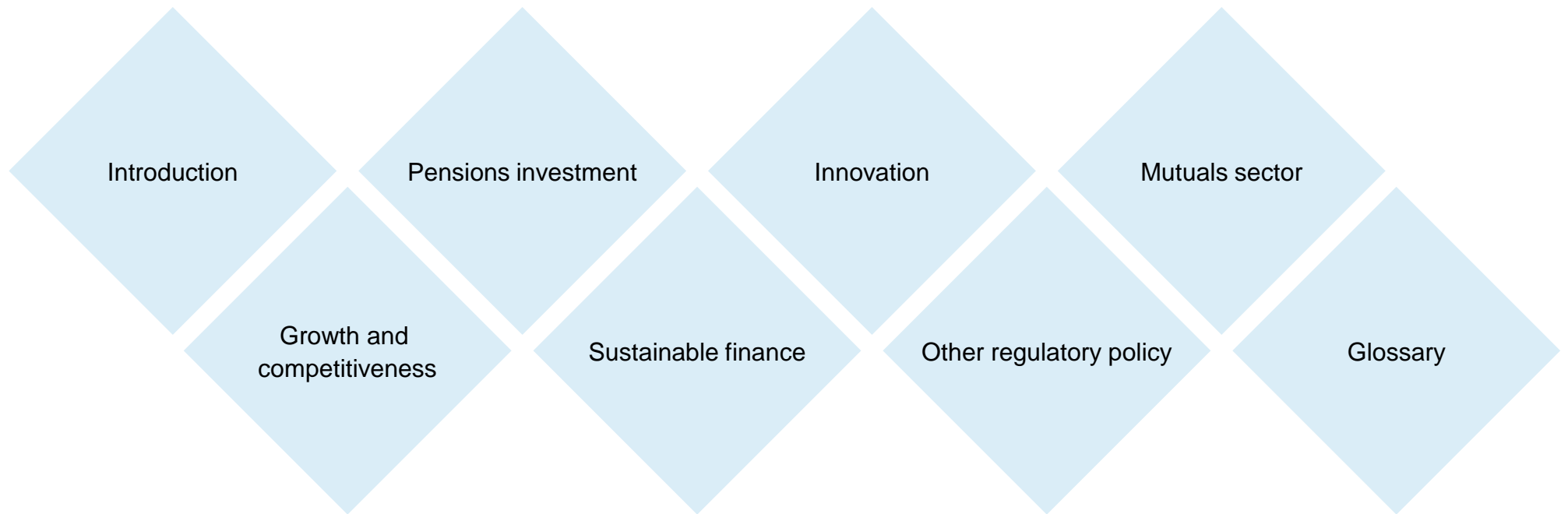




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MANSION HOUSE SPEECH 2024
UK FINANCIAL SERVICES POLICY INITIATIVES
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MANSION HOUSE SPEECH 2024

The new Chancellor of the Exchequer gave her first Mansion House speech on 14 November 2024.

The speech announced a range of measures which aim to:

grow and enhance the competitiveness of the financial services sector

consolidate the UK pension system to release new investment and better returns

create a world-leading framework for sustainable finance

support innovation in the sector

retain protections while addressing the unintended consequences of regulation

develop the mutuals sector to support inclusive growth

The following pages provide an overview of the announced measures and indicate the next steps and timing (where available).

More detail on the timetable for these and other measures is expected when the UK Regulatory Initiatives Forum publishes the next regulatory initiatives grid in 2025, including more detail on the next phase of the Smarter Regulatory Framework programme.

GROWTH AND COMPETITIVENESS

Growing and enhancing the competitiveness of the financial services sector

Topic	Summary	Publication	Next steps/timing
Growth & competitiveness	Call for evidence to inform development of government's financial services growth and competitiveness strategy.	<u>Financial services growth and competitiveness strategy: Call for evidence</u> (HMT, 14 November 2024)	Deadline for responses: 12 December 2024.
Growth & competitiveness	Publication of financial services growth and competitiveness strategy document.	N/A	Publication due Spring 2025.
Remit letters to regulators and FPC	Letters to UK regulators and the Financial Policy Committee making recommendations to ensure a greater focus on economic growth.	Letters to the <u>FCA</u> , <u>Prudential Regulation Committee</u> , <u>Payment Systems Regulator</u> and <u>Financial Policy Committee</u> (HMT, 14 November 2024)	N/A
Monetary policy remit	Letter to Monetary Policy Committee on definition of price stability and the government's economic policy.	Letter to <u>Monetary Policy Committee</u> (HMT, 14 November 2024)	N/A

PENSIONS INVESTMENT

Consolidating the UK pension system to release new investment and better returns

Topic	Summary	Publication	Next steps/timing
Pensions investment review	Interim findings of Phase 1 of the Pensions Review launched in July 2024 on consolidation of the UK pension system and accompanying analytical report.	<u>Pensions investment review: interim report</u> (HMT, DWP & MHCLG, 14 November 2024) <u>Pension fund investment and the UK economy</u> (DWP, 14 November 2024)	Final report to be published in Spring 2025 ahead of the Pension Schemes Bill which will be introduced in 2025.
Defined contribution schemes	Consultation on proposals to legislate for a minimum size and maximum number of defined contribution pension scheme default funds.	<u>Pensions investment review: Unlocking the UK pensions market for growth</u> (DWP & HMT, 14 November 2024)	Deadline for responses: 16 January 2025.
Local government pension schemes	Consultation on management of local government pension scheme investments, incl. asset pooling, local and regional investment, and scheme governance.	<u>Local government pension scheme (England and Wales): Fit for the future</u> (MHCLG, 14 November 2024)	Deadline for responses: 16 January 2025.

SUSTAINABLE FINANCE

Creating a world-leading framework for sustainable finance

Topic	Summary	Publication	Next steps/timing
UK green taxonomy	Consultation to gather views on the value case for a UK green taxonomy as part of the UK's wider sustainable finance framework.	UK green taxonomy consultation (HMT, 14 November 2024)	Deadline for responses: 6 February 2025.
Corporate sustainability disclosures	Planned consultation on streamlined sustainability disclosures for economically significant companies.	N/A	N/A
Transition plans	Planned consultation on taking forward the Labour Party manifesto commitment to mandate financial institutions and FTSE 100 companies to develop and implement Paris-aligned transition plans.	N/A	Consultation expected H1 2025.
Transition finance	Launching Transition Finance Council with City of London Corporation (implementing a recommendation of the recent Transition Finance Market Review).	N/A	N/A
ESG ratings providers	Consultation response and draft legislation to bring ESG ratings providers into regulation.	Future regulatory regime for ESG ratings providers: Consultation response (HMT, 14 November 2024) Draft statutory instrument (HMT, 14 November 2024)	Deadline for comments on draft statutory instrument: 14 January 2025.
Green/ESG policy	Policy paper on UK government principles for voluntary carbon and nature market integrity.	Policy paper: Principles for voluntary carbon and nature market integrity (DESNZ, 15 November 2024)	Government will consult on implementation of these principles in early 2025.

INNOVATION

Supporting innovation in the sector

Topic	Summary	Publication	Next steps/timing
Payments sector	Policy paper on government's ambitions for the UK's payments sector.	<u>Policy paper: National payments vision</u> (HMT, 14 November 2024)	Establishing the Payments Vision Delivery Committee (regulators) and Vision Engagement Group (public and private membership).
Digital gilts	Launch of a pilot to deliver a Digital Gilt Instrument (DIGIT).	Ministerial Statement: <u>Government debt issuance pilot using distributed ledger technology</u> (HMT, 18 November 2024)	N/A
PISCES	Feedback to the consultation on establishment of the Private Intermittent Securities and Capital Exchange System (PISCES), a new market for private company shares, accompanied by draft legislation and a policy note.	<u>PISCES: Consultation response</u> (HMT, 14 November 2024) <u>Draft statutory instrument</u> (HMT, 14 November 2024) <u>Policy note on draft statutory instrument</u> (HMT, 14 November 2024)	Deadline for comments on draft statutory instrument: 9 January 2025. Plans to lay statutory instrument by May 2025.
MiFID	Policy paper on next steps for reforming MiFID, incl. steps following March 2022 nickel market events and replacing the onshored MiFID organisational regulation and transaction reporting regime.	<u>Policy Paper: Next steps for reforming the UK Markets in Financial Instruments Directive</u> (HMT, 14 November 2024)	N/A
Captive insurance	Consultation on potential of a new approach to captives to support the growth and international competitiveness of the UK's insurance sector.	<u>Consultation paper: Captive insurance</u> (HMT, 14 November 2024)	Deadline for responses: 7 February 2025.
Insurance linked securities	Considering next steps to improve the UK's insurance linked securities offering, building on the PRA's ongoing reforms to the UK regime.	N/A	N/A

OTHER REGULATORY POLICY

Retaining protections while addressing the unintended consequences of regulation

Topic	Summary	Publication	Next steps/timing
Advice guidance boundary	Progressing the advice guidance boundary review.	<u>Feedback: Advice guidance boundary review</u> (FCA, 15 November 2024)	By end H1 2025, FCA plans to develop proposals for targeted support in relation to wider investments and consult on draft rules for consumer investment and pensions.
FCA: redress system	Package of measures to modernise the rules underpinning the Financial Ombudsman Service.	<u>Call for input: Modernising the redress system</u> (FCA & FOS, 14 November 2024)	Deadline for responses: 30 January 2025.
FCA and PRA certification regime	Planned consultation on abolishing the certification regime for staff below the senior management level and replacing it with a more proportionate approach.	N/A	N/A
Financial crime	Call for the tech and telecommunications sectors to go further and faster to tackle fraudulent content on their platforms.	N/A	N/A

Note: The Chancellor also stated that the government is looking forward to the outcome of the FCA's review of the retail conduct rules in its Handbook following the introduction of the new consumer duty (FCA, [Call for Input](#), 29 July 2024, comments closed 29 October 2024).

MUTUALS SECTOR

Developing the mutuals sector to support inclusive growth

Topic	Summary	Publication	Next steps/timing
Credit union common bond reform	Consultation on potential changes to the legislative requirements for members of a credit union to have a common bond between them, in order to facilitate growth of credit unions.	<u>Call for evidence: Credit union common bond reform</u> (HMT, 14 November 2024)	Deadline for responses: 6 March 2025.
Mutuals sector	Letters to FCA and PRA requesting a report on the current mutuals landscape.	<u>Letters to the FCA and PRA</u> (HMT, 14 November 2024)	N/A
Mutual and co-operatives	Welcomed the establishment of an industry-led Mutual and Co-operative Business Council.	N/A	N/A

GLOSSARY

DESNZ	Department for Energy Security and Net Zero
DWP	Department of Work and Pensions
FCA	Financial Conduct Authority
FOS	Financial Ombudsman Service
HMT	HM Treasury
MHCLG	Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
MiFID	Markets in Financial Instruments Directive
PISCES	Private Intermittent Securities and Capital Exchange System
PRA	Prudential Regulation Authority

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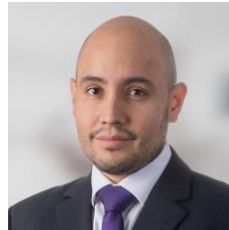
- Government’s full list of measures in the Mansion House 2024 package [here](#).
- Regulatory Initiatives Grids published by the Regulatory Initiatives Forum [here](#)

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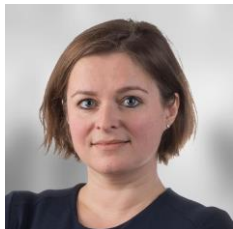
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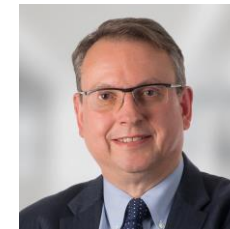
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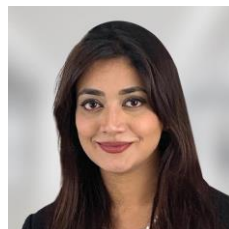
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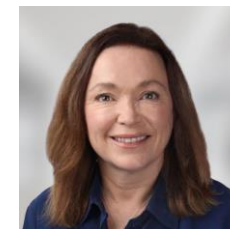
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