

## **The Co-operative Bank plc**

1 July 2015

### **Non-Executive Director of Co-operative Bank Appointed**

The Co-operative Bank plc (the 'Bank') has appointed Aidan Birkett as a Non-Executive Director with effect from 1 July 2015.

Aidan has been nominated by certain of the major shareholders who invested in the Bank at the point of the Liability Management Exercise completed in December 2013. His appointment has been approved by the Bank's Board and by its regulators. For the purposes of the UK Corporate Governance Code he will be independent.

Aidan Birkett built his career within the professional services sector over more than 30 years with PwC and Deloitte. He was head of Deloitte's Corporate Finance business and a member of the firm's executive committee. He has led a number of high profile strategic and commercial reviews of businesses in varying turnaround situations, in the UK and overseas. This has provided him with significant experience in the wholesale finance sector and an understanding of the retail customer segment across a number of non-financial sectors. Aidan has served as a consultant, director and advisor in various capacities and has held various non-executive director roles, most recently with the Dubai Group.

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#### **About The Co-operative Bank**

The Co-operative Bank plc provides a full range of banking products and services to almost 5 million retail and SME (Small and Medium Sized Enterprises) customers. The Bank is committed to values and ethics in line with the principles of the co-operative movement. The Co-operative Bank is authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority. The Co-operative Bank plc customers are protected by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) in the UK.