



**ViaNova Working Group**  
**Meeting 18th June 2013**  
**Minutes**

**Location**

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**Date**

18th June 2013

**Timing**

Start: 10:00

End: 11:45

**Attendees**

Charles Kilkenny	Actuare
Ben Cocks	Altus
Luke Carter	aquilaheywood
Tim Scholes	Barnett Waddingham
Guido Kautz	BlackRock
Keeva Doran	Brown Brothers Harriman
Neil Lewington	Brown Brothers Harriman
Paul Jacobs	Calastone
Phil Goffin	Calastone
Simon Bradley	Calastone
Tom Perrin	Calastone
Glyn Davies	Fidelity Worldwide Investment
Mike Rugg	Fidelity Worldwide Investment
Vicky Lucas	Fidelity Worldwide Investment
Steve Wallace	Idea Group (Co-chair)
Kevin Watts	LGIM
Sonia Cudjoe	LGIM
Jon Oakley	Mercer
David Aspinall	Skandia
Jackie Donohoe	Standard Life Investments
Andy Hussey	Towers Watson (Co-chair)

**Apologies**

Howard Finnegan	Altus
Paul Latimer	Barnett Waddingham



Jonathan Papier    Hymans Robertson

## Minutes

### **1. Review minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising**

LC has sent through more information concerning the number of decimal places in certain numeric values:

*“The heywood solution, altair, provides subscription, redemptions and switch functionality. The issue has arisen in percentage denominated transactions which in this instance was actually the subscription portion of a switch transaction. However the problem could arise wherever percentages are sent.*

*The following is an example of the transaction sent from altair*

*Switch out £1000 from Fund 1 and switch 33.333333% into Fund 2, 33.333333% into Fund 3 and 33.333334% into Fund 4.*

*This is well within the ISO20022 standard as the number of decimal places supported is within the 10 decimal places supported by ISO20022.*

*However the fund manager rejected the transaction as they could only handle the subscription leg to two decimal places (33.33% into Fund 2, 33.33% into Fund 3 and 33.34% into Fund 4). This caused us to re-develop the solution so that we could store the number of decimal places the transaction should be reported to. Ostensibly we are now having to record how many decimal places to report to each fund manager on, which is not consistent!*

*Proposal*

*Ideally it would help if everyone that signed up to ViaNova supported the maximum number of decimal places.*

*Given that there are already a number of players with systems in place then now it would probably be easier and more open if we could keep a register of how many decimal places each fund manager can handle within their system, especially on percentages (I accept that most amount transactions are to 2 d.p. and number of units will typically be whole numbers). Ideally it would help if they could provide an indication if they are working towards the number of decimal places supported by ISO20022.”*

Many thanks to Luke for this example. Both AH and JO reported that they had worked around this problem by doing all switches as one to one – thus all switch in legs are 100% of the redemption proceeds. Luke said that that heywood were not minded to adopt this approach and so it was necessary to check with product providers the number of decimal places they were prepared to accept on numeric values and what kind of rounding they apply. SW suggested that a note warning ViaNova implementers to check with their counterparties as part of system testing should be added to the ViaNova document. The idea of a central register of this information was not widely supported at the meeting.

[ACTION VN13\_003 Closed]

[NEW ACTION VN13\_019 – A note to warn counterparties to check the decimal number formatting when performing initial testing should be added to ViaNova 5.00]



### **Support for multiple versions of the price message**

SW said that he had checked with SWIFT standards on whether the upgrade to the version 4 price message was mandatory.

SW showed an email exchange he had had with colleagues at SWIFT which finishes with the following from Janice Chapman of SWIFT Standards:

“...It’s true that, in general, the network will support more than one version of a schema .. the decision on whether the Funds CUG will support more than one version is a decision made by the users of the CUG and, again, in general, the Funds CUG decided many years ago, only to support one version of a schema as this would be easier for customers to manage. Supporting more than version of a particular schema or set of schemas is an exception.

The decisions on price report messages is to add V4 and withdraw V3 this November.”

The CUG is the Funds Closed User Group on the SWIFT network; used to provide the SWIFTNet Funds service.

The meeting was concerned that they didn’t know enough about this CUG and that although decisions made many years ago were still having an effect on the service, we are not aware of any mechanism by which these decisions could be reviewed or new decisions taken.

PG said he would take this up with Edward and it was also proposed that a meeting should take place between the ViaNova group, the SMPG, Edward Glyn and any SWIFT colleagues responsible for the management of this CUG to try and clarify our relationship with it.

The ViaNova working group would also like to formalise a method of being alerted about changes to the SWIFTNet funds service, in particular new message releases.

[NEW ACTION: VN13\_021 Meet with SWIFT to clarify our relationship with the Funds CUG and define a clearer mechanism for communicating changes to the service.]

## **2. Review of ViaNova 5.00 first draft**

### **Business Party Identifiers**

The review of the ViaNova 5.00 first draft was dominated by a discussion on whether the identification of business parties within the body of the message was to be approved or not.

In general terms it was agreed that the addition of business party identifiers into the message was a useful idea there was limited support as to whether the contents of the message should be used for routing purposes over networks.

There was a discussion about how networks should provide their own secure methods of routing messages which would enable them to guarantee the security of the routing information.

Further objections were raised concerning whether the changes should be mandatory in version

5.00. AH (co-chair) said that he felt it was not justifiable to make the changes mandatory. Both Fidelity and BlackRock indicated that if the changes were optional they would choose to ignore them. GD said that since Fidelity were already getting 95% STP rates it would be a tough business case to justify supporting the new identifiers at this stage.

TP and CK said that the additional identifiers are essential for implementing hub solutions and a standardised approach would save costs when building cross-network solutions.

SW agreed that there was insufficient support to implement the changes in ViaNova 5.00 to support business party identifiers, and proposed to move the description of the proposed draft solution to a separate document which could be consulted as required – but that the information would not be part of the ViaNova business requirements.

BK summarised by saying there was agreement that the identification of the business parties within the message was desirable but that we should hold back the change until the next message schema update. At that stage all messages will require redevelopment and testing and it would be easy to add the identifiers at that stage. We might, at that stage, choose to make use of the ISO Business Application Header.

### **Versioning**

There was support for the market practice versioning indicator but that it was not worth changing message maps just to support it. CK the version number was not a logical data item and should not be included in any future logical data item tables.

### **Changes agreed to Draft 1**

1. Removal of business party identifiers in all messages.
2. Business party identifiers information to be moved to a separate document for future reference.
3. Add new note to check the number of decimal places supported by your counterparty.

So the principle changes to ViaNova 4.00.01 are:

1. Support for PriceReportV04 (reda.001.001.4)
2. Support for StatementOfInvestmentFundTransactionsV02 (semt.006.001.02)

All other messages and usages unchanged.

ViaNova 5.00 will replace ViaNova 4.00.01 on the SWIFT upgrade date – which we believe is 17<sup>th</sup> November 2013

### **Getting ViaNova 5.00 sign off**

It was agreed that since the new version of the price message is a mandatory upgrade the new version of ViaNova 5.00 should be prepared for sign off as soon as possible. It was also agreed that we would not meet again before sign off unless absolutely necessary – the new version will be



circulated with a 4 week review period, during which time objections and concerns can be raised and after which the document would be considered signed off.

BC understands that the new Price message will be available on the SWIFT test network in July.

AH suggested that the group should reach out to Capita Hartshead – founder members of the group – who have not been represented at our meetings this year. It is important that they are warned of the mandatory price message upgrade in November. Kate Ollerenshaw's name was mentioned in this regard.

[NEW ACTION: VN13\_022 Create second draft of ViaNova 5.00]

[NEW ACTION: VN13\_023 Reach out to Capita Hartshead concerning mandatory price message upgrade]

### **3. ViaNova Autumn Event**

HF informs us that SWIFT have kindly agreed to host a ViaNova marketing event in the Autumn and the 17<sup>th</sup> September has been pencilled in as the date.

GK indicated that he would like to be involved in discussions as to the objective for the event. If it is indeed to reach out to new TPAs and Fund Managers then he would like to make suggestions as to who to invite. Other attendees were keen to be involved in these discussions too.

It was therefore proposed that a sub-group should be created to discuss arrangements for the event. PG kindly offers to host a meeting at Calastone's London office and the proposed date is Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Details to be confirmed and invitations to be circulated in due course.

### **4. AOB**

SW reported that the ViaNova web site log in screens were under development and that he hoped that the logged in area would be a useful repository for discussion documents such as the business party identifier document and KD's proposals for helping smaller TPA's get STP enabled – such as a standardised CSV input file.

The meeting finished at 11:45.