

**Summary of the 378<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Acas Council on Thursday 6th July 2017 in room 6, 23rd Floor Euston Tower, 286 Euston Road, London NW1 3JJ**

**Council members present:**

Brendan Barber (Chair)  
 Michael Gooddie  
 Mike Clancy  
 Jane McNeill  
 Neil Carberry  
 Paul Nowak  
 Ben Summerskill  
 Christina McAnea  
 Sally Hunt  
 Vikki Hawes  
 Paul Butler  
 Paul Willman

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
<b>Apologies and introductions</b>	<p>No apologies were received.</p> <p>Brendan Barber welcomed Christina McAnea and Ben Summerskill to their first Council meeting following formal confirmation of their appointments.</p> <p>Brendan also advised that it was Paul Willman's last Council meeting and thanked him for his contribution during his term as a Council member.</p>
<b>Minutes of the 377<sup>th</sup> Council meeting</b>	The minutes of the May 2017 meeting were reviewed and agreed.
<b>Matters arising from the minutes</b>	All ongoing actions from previous meetings were noted as progressing or completed.
<b>Chief Executive's report</b>	<p>Anne Sharp presented the standing report on operational performance and internal matters.</p> <p>Council welcomed strong performance in individual</p>

	conciliation and continued growth in use of online advice and guidance.
<b>Public Policy Stocktake</b>	Council agreed that Acas had a role to play in several areas of current public policy, to influence thinking and contribute to the public debate in support of Strategic Aim 3. It looked forward to considering proposals.
<b>Chief Conciliator's brief</b>	The Chief Conciliator gave an oral update to Council on collective disputes and Acas involvement.
<b>Acas Brand Review</b>	Council were presented with the early findings from a project to review Acas' brand. It welcomed modernised brand lines.
<b>Update from the Audit Committee (including Annual Report &amp; Accounts)</b>	Council noted the minutes of the June Audit Committee meeting. Paul Butler, Audit Committee Chair provided Council with a verbal update of the July meeting, in which the committee had approved the 2016/17 Annual Report and Accounts.
<b>AOB</b>	No further business was discussed.