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MEDIA INFORMATION

FSCS repays Bradford & Bingley loan

The Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) is pleased to confirm it has repaid the remaining £4.68bn it owed to HM Treasury relating to the Bradford and Bingley (B&B) failure in 2008.

FSCS will make the final interest payment for this to HM Treasury when it becomes payable this autumn, which means the overall borrowing will have been paid in just under 10 years.

This final repayment follows the B&B asset sales in 2017, and last month, which repaid B&B's debt to FSCS. In 2008, FSCS funded protected deposits held with B&B of £15.65bn.

FSCS worked with HM Treasury, UK Asset Resolution and UK Government Investments to agree the framework for the repayment of FSCS's debt, under the Order made in 2008. The transactions were facilitated by finance provided by a consortium of the largest FSCS levy payers.

Commenting on the repayment, **Mark Neale, Chief Executive, FSCS said:**

"This is very good news for all parties, who worked together to deliver such a good outcome. This repayment signals the drawing to a close of FSCS's handling of the failures of 2008/09 and brings to an end the industry's funding of FSCS for these costs.

"The Scheme was at the heart of the UK's response to the banking crisis ten years ago, paying out billions of pounds during 2008/09 to millions of people affected by the failures."

Stephen Jones, Chief Executive, UK Finance commented: "This is important progress for both the UK taxpayer and the finance industry in the post-crisis reform regime. The FSCS, supported by industry reforms and funded entirely by the sector, plays a vital role in reassuring customers that all deposits are protected up to £85,000."

Robin Fieth, Chief Executive, Building Societies Association (BSA) said: "The FSCS has an important role as a safety net for savers, with costs met collectively by the industry. Over the past decade costs to building societies relating to the failure of Bradford & Bingley Plc have been considerable so it is welcome that this loan has now been repaid in full."

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