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**19 July 2024**

**Recommended Cash Acquisition**

**of**

**Virgin Money UK PLC ("Virgin Money")**

**by**

**Nationwide Building Society ("Nationwide")**

**to be effected by means of a Scheme of Arrangement  
under Part 26 of the Companies Act 2006**

**UK Competition and Markets Authority ("CMA") Approval**

On 21 March 2024, the boards of Virgin Money and Nationwide announced that they had agreed the terms of a recommended cash acquisition of the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Virgin Money by Nationwide (the "**Acquisition**"). The Acquisition is to be implemented by means of a scheme of arrangement between Virgin Money and its shareholders under Part 26 of the Companies Act (the "**Scheme**") and is subject to the terms and conditions set out in the scheme document relating to the Acquisition (the "**Scheme Document**"). The Acquisition was approved by Virgin Money Shareholders at the Shareholder Meetings held on 22 May 2024.

The boards of Virgin Money and Nationwide welcome today's announcement by the CMA that it has unconditionally cleared the Acquisition following its Phase 1 investigation. Accordingly, Condition 4(B) set out in Part A of Part 3 of the Scheme Document has been satisfied.

The Acquisition remains subject to the satisfaction or, where applicable, waiver of the remaining Conditions as set out in the Scheme Document including, amongst others, the approval of the Acquisition by the PRA and the FCA and the sanction of the Scheme by the Court.

Unless otherwise defined, all capitalised terms in this announcement have the meaning given to them in the Scheme Document.

The expected timetable of principal events relating to the Scheme remains as set out in the Scheme Document. Subject to the satisfaction or, where applicable, waiver of the remaining Conditions, the Scheme is expected to become Effective during calendar Q4 of 2024.

The times and dates given in the expected timetable of principal events are based on Virgin Money's and Nationwide's current expectations and may be subject to change. If any of the times and dates set out in the timetable change, Virgin Money will give notice of this change by issuing an announcement through a Regulatory Information Service and the ASX Market Announcements Platform and, if required by the Panel, posting notice of the change(s) to Virgin Money Shareholders and persons with information rights. Such announcement will be made available on Virgin Money's website at [www.virginmoneyukplc.com/investor-relations/announcements/](http://www.virginmoneyukplc.com/investor-relations/announcements/) and on Nationwide's website at <https://www.nationwide.co.uk/investor-relations/virgin-money-terms-of-access/>.

All Virgin Money Shareholders have the right to attend the Court Hearing.

Virgin Money's LEI Number is 213800ZK9VGCYYR6O495.

Announcement authorised for release by Lorna McMillan, Group Company Secretary of Virgin Money.

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*Unless otherwise determined by Virgin Money and Nationwide or required by the Takeover Code, and permitted by applicable law and regulation, the Acquisition will not be made available, directly or indirectly, in, into or from a Restricted Jurisdiction and no person may vote in favour of the Scheme by any such use, means, instrumentality or form within any Restricted Jurisdiction. Accordingly, copies of this announcement and all documents relating to the Acquisition are not being, and must not be, directly or indirectly, mailed or otherwise forwarded, distributed or sent in, into or from a Restricted Jurisdiction, and persons receiving this announcement and all other documents relating to the Acquisition (including custodians, nominees and trustees) must not mail or otherwise distribute or send them in, into or from any Restricted Jurisdiction.*

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*If Nationwide were to elect to implement the Acquisition by means of an Offer, such Offer will be made in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, including the US tender offer rules, to the extent applicable.*

*The financial information included in this announcement has been prepared in accordance with accounting standards applicable in the United Kingdom that may not be comparable to the accounting standards applicable to financial statements of US companies. US generally accepted accounting principles differ in certain respects from International Financial Reporting Standards. None of the financial information in, or incorporated by reference into, this announcement has been audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the US or the auditing standards of the Public Company Accounting Standards Oversight Board (United States). US persons should note that the Scheme relates to shares of an English company that is a "foreign private issuer" as defined in Rule 3b-4 under the US Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "**US Exchange Act**"), and the Scheme will be governed by the laws of England and Wales. Neither the proxy solicitation rules nor the tender offer rules under the US Exchange Act will apply to the Scheme. Moreover, the Scheme will be subject to the disclosure requirements and practices applicable in the UK to takeovers implemented by scheme of arrangement, which differ from the disclosure requirements under US securities laws. It may be difficult for any US holders of Virgin Money Shares to enforce their rights and any claim arising out of the US federal securities laws in connection with the Acquisition, since Nationwide and Virgin Money are located in, and organised under the laws of, a non-US jurisdiction, and some or all of their officers and directors may be residents of non-US jurisdictions. Any US holders of Virgin Money Shares may not be able to sue a non-US company or its officers or directors in a non-US court for violations of US securities laws. Further, it may be difficult to compel a non-US company and its affiliates to subject themselves to a US court's judgment.*

*Neither the US Securities and Exchange Commission nor any US state securities commission has approved or disapproved of the Acquisition, or passed comment upon the adequacy or completeness of this announcement. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offence.*

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### ***Publication on website***

*In accordance with Rule 26.1 of the Takeover Code, a copy of this announcement and the documents required to be published under Rule 26 of the Takeover Code will be made available free of charge, subject to certain restrictions relating to persons resident in Restricted Jurisdictions, on Nationwide's website at [www.nationwide.co.uk/investor-relations/virgin-money-terms-of-access/](http://www.nationwide.co.uk/investor-relations/virgin-money-terms-of-access/) and Virgin Money's website at [www.virginmoneyukplc.com/investor-relations/announcements/](http://www.virginmoneyukplc.com/investor-relations/announcements/) by no later than 12 noon (London time) on the first Business Day following the date of this announcement. For the avoidance of doubt, neither the contents of these websites nor the contents of any websites accessible from any hyperlinks are incorporated into or form part of this announcement.*

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*Please be aware that addresses, electronic addresses and certain other information provided by Virgin Money Shareholders, persons with information rights and other relevant persons for the receipt of communications from Virgin Money may be provided to Nationwide during the offer period as required under Section 4 of Appendix 4 to the Takeover Code.*

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