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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

27 November 2020

Proposed introduction of OSB GROUP PLC ("New OSB") as a new holding company of the OSB Group by means of a Scheme of Arrangement under Part 26 of the Companies Act 2006 (the "Scheme") and New OSB's admission to the premium listing segment of the Official List and to trading on the main market of the London Stock Exchange

# HIGH COURT APPROVES SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT

OneSavings Bank plc ("**OSB**") is pleased to announce that the Court sanctioned the Scheme at a hearing today. The Scheme will become effective upon delivery of the Court Order to the Registrar of Companies, which is expected to take place around 5.00 p.m. today and will result in New OSB becoming the new holding company of OSB and its subsidiaries.

The last day of dealings in, and for registration of transfers of, Old OSB Shares will be today, 27 November 2020. No transfers of Old OSB Shares will be registered after 6.00 p.m. today.

Following the Scheme becoming effective, Scheme Shareholders on the register at the Scheme Record Time, being 6.00 p.m. on 27 November 2020, will receive one New OSB Share for each Old OSB Share held.

It is expected that New OSB Shares will be admitted to the premium listing segment of the Official List and to trading on the London Stock Exchange's main market for listed securities at 8.00 a.m. on 30 November 2020. The listing of Old OSB Shares on the Official List of the Financial Conduct Authority is expected to be cancelled at 8.00 a.m. on 30 November 2020.

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#### Notes to Editors

OSB began trading as a bank on 1 February 2011 and was admitted to the London Stock Exchange's main market for listed securities on 10 June 2014. OSB joined the FTSE 250 index in June 2015. The OSB Group is a specialist lending and retail savings group authorised by the PRA and regulated by the FCA and the PRA.

The OSB Group has grown organically and through the acquisition of businesses and portfolios. On 4 October 2019, OSB acquired the Charter Court Group as a result of the Charter Court Combination. The Charter Court Group, based at 2 Charter Court, Broadlands, Wolverhampton, WV10 6TD, was initially founded in November 2008 as a provider of credit consultancy and mortgage administration services for pools of mortgage loans owned by third parties. It was subsequently granted permission by the Financial Services Authority (now the FCA) to act as an authorised mortgage administrator and lender and also obtained a banking licence from the PRA.

Based in Chatham, Kent, the OSB Group trades under the Kent Reliance, InterBay Commercial, InterBay Asset Finance and Heritable Development Finance brands in the UK. Following the Charter Court Combination, the OSB Group also trades under the Precise Mortgages, Exact Mortgage Experts and Charter Savings Bank brands in the UK. The OSB Group also has a presence in the Channel Islands under the Jersey Home Loans and Guernsey Home Loans brands.

The OSB Group primarily targets underserved market sub-sectors that offer high growth potential, attractive risk-adjusted returns and where it has established expertise, platforms and capabilities. These include private rented sector/professional buy-to-let, commercial and semi-commercial mortgages, residential development finance, bespoke and specialist residential lending, secured funding lines and asset finance. Following the Charter Court Combination, the OSB Group retains the market identities and propositions of the OSB Business and the Charter Court Business. The OSB Business targets its customers through specialist brokers and independent financial advisers, and is differentiated through its use of highly-skilled, bespoke underwriting and its efficient operating model. The Charter Court Business is differentiated through risk management expertise and best-of-breed automated technology and systems, ensuring efficient processing, strong credit and collateral risk control and speed of product development and innovation. Through its Exact Mortgage Experts brand, it offers mortgage servicing, administration and credit consultancy.

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