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**Bank of England Maintains Bank Rate at 5.0%**

The Bank of England’s Monetary Policy Committee today voted to maintain the official Bank Rate paid on commercial bank reserves at 5.0%.

The minutes of the meeting will be published at 9.30am on Wednesday 20 December.

**Note to Editors**

The previous change in Bank Rate was an increase of 0.25 percentage points to 5.0% on 9 November 2006.

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