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**Bank of England Maintains Interest Rates at 4.5%**

The Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee today voted to maintain the official Bank rate paid on commercial bank reserves at 4.5%.

The minutes of the meeting will be published at 9.30am on Wednesday 19 July.

**Note to Editors**

The previous change in interest rates was a reduction of 0.25 percentage points to 4.5% on 4 August 2005.

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