

Institute and Faculty of Actuaries

Noting report

Subject	IFoA Executive Update
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A: Introduction

1. This paper provides an update on the work of the IFoA Executive Team since the last meeting of the Board and highlights key issues and developments for the Board to note.
2. The Board is invited to let the Chair know at least three days in advance of the meeting if there are any aspects of the update paper that they would like to discuss, so that appropriate time can be allocated in the agenda.

B: Update

		UPDATE	NEXT STEPS AND KEY DATES
1	Update on HMT review of Actuarial Regulation	It is understood that HMT are still hoping that proposals will be published for consultation (as part of the wider BEIS consultation on reforms of the FRC) in the spring. No further details have been shared around the nature of those proposals. All of this is still subject to any political changes over the next few months.	Consultation expected Spring 2020
2	CPD consultation update	The consultation launched on 24 January and (as at 21 February) 150 responses had been received. The first consultation meeting (an interactive webinar) was on 05 February, which 80 people watched live. The second webinar will take place on 2 April (so far 60 people have signed up but more are expected).	The consultation will close on 17 April 2020. Post-consultation discussion scheduled for May Regulation Board If implemented the new CPD Scheme is expected to come into force on 1 September 2020.
3	Update on CPD recording compliance	An update on compliance with recording requirements for the 2018/2019 CPD Scheme for noting, along with comparisons for previous years. This is set out in Appendix 1 .	

4	AMS Thematic Review Programme update	<p>Progress has been made on the first pensions thematic review. The review will be based on samples of advice on commutation factors and transfer values from the employers of Scheme Actuaries. Included at Appendix 2 is a presentation summarising the planned activity for the pensions review.</p> <p>Alan Marshall joined the team on 17 February 2020, bringing GI expertise. Planning for the GI review has now begun.</p>	<p>The process of collecting samples for the pensions review will take place between early March up until 30 April.</p> <p>Regulation Board is scheduled to have a substantive discussion on this thematic review at its May 2020 meeting.</p>
5	CDC Pensions update	<p>The working party met in February to discuss the Pensions Bill and the role of the actuary detailed therein.</p> <p>The working party are assisting in the preparation of a note from the IFoA on the Bill and are seeking to influence the regulations which will be constructed by TPR.</p>	
6	Updated NED guidance	<p>Minor, non-substantive changes have been made to the NED guidance at the request of the Chair of the NED Working Party, including removal of the 'draft' watermark from the documents on the website. The updated document will be published shortly.</p> <p>A copy of the revised document is available on request.</p>	
7	Transparency of Sub Boards and Committees	<p>The QAS Sub-Committee has discussed the topic of transparency and is giving thought to the most appropriate way to take the Board's recommendations forward.</p> <p>The DPB Board also discussed this topic and has agreed to publish meeting dates, agendas, minutes and papers (with suitable redactions being made for example for commercially sensitive information). Complaints information will not be published. The Board will be discussing the practical steps for implementation at its next meeting on 4 March.</p> <p>The Professional Skills Sub Committee will discuss the issue of transparency at its next meeting on 6 March.</p>	<p>Feedback from Professional Skills Sub Committee to be provided for next Board meeting.</p> <p>An update on the views of the Pensions Standards Sub Committee will be provided after it next meets.</p>

		The Pensions Standards Sub Committee has not yet had an opportunity to discuss the Board's recommendations.	
8	FRG update	Discussions have taken place with the FRG and relevant IFoA Practice Boards about the future role of the group and how it should be supported within the IFoA. That conversation is ongoing and further detail is available from Ben Kemp.	
9	GI proposed Brexit risk alert	The IFoA's Professional Communities team is consulting with the Practice Boards to determine whether there is appetite for a wider cross-practice Brexit risk alert (on the basis the Board agreed a more joined up approach should be adopted to the issuing of such alerts).	Exec to report back to the Board once the feedback from Practice Boards has been obtained.
10	Data Science update	We are working with the Regulation and Ethics workstream of the Data Science Member Interest Group to develop case-study materials, and further guidance, which discusses how existing professional obligations might apply to members involved in data science.	Proposals scheduled to come to the Board's May meeting for approval.
11	FRC annual budget and plan	The IFoA has recently published its draft plan and budgeted for 2020/21. A copy of the document can be found here . The only specific reference to actuarial matters (other than in the allocated budget) is in the objective that they will launch a post-implementation review of the TASs.	
12	Update on IAA, AAE and International Standards	There are no further updates to provide since the Board's last meeting at the end of 2019 and there have been no further meetings of the IAA or AAE. Included at Appendix 3 is a table of the current AAE and IAA model standards, and their status.	
13	JFAR update	The JFAR has not met again since the last meeting of the Board. Work has continued on refinement of the hotspots	Next JFAR meeting 2 March.

		for the 2020 publication of the Risk Perspective. The FRC sought specific input from the IFoA at a meeting with Neil Buckley and Emma Gilpin.	Updated Risk Perspective will be circulated to the Board when available.
14	Update on reinstatement and criminal conviction admission decisions	<p>When Membership Committee was disbanded by the Board, the Executive took over responsibility for making decisions on applications for (1) reinstatement after a certain period; and (2) admission where there is a criminal conviction. It was agreed that the Board would be updated on those decisions periodically.</p> <p>In the period from October 2018 to date were six reinstatements referred for consideration. After consideration, all six were granted.</p> <p>There have been no applications for admission with a criminal conviction.</p>	

C: Recommendations

Regulation Board is asked to note this update.

D: Appendices

Appendix 1: CPD report on compliance

Appendix 2: AMS presentation

Appendix 3: Table of international standards