



# Financial Reporting Council

Summary minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company  
held on 22 April 2008 at 71 -91 Aldwych, London, WC2B 4HN

PRESENT:	Sir Christopher Hogg	Chair
	Baroness Sarah Hogg	Deputy Chair
	Paul Boyle	Director & Chief Executive
	Eric Anstee	Non-executive Director
	Peter Chambers	Non-executive Director
	Rudy Markham	Non-executive Director
	Sir Michael Rake	Non-executive Director
	Sir Steve Robson	Non-executive Director
	Sir John Sunderland	Non-executive Director
	Sir John Bourn	Chair POB (Items 1-5)
	Mike Fogden	Chair AADB (Items 1-5)
	Richard Fleck	Chair APB (Items 1-5)
	Bill Knight	Chair FRRP (Items 1-5)
	Ian Mackintosh	Chair ASB (Items 1-5)
	Paul Seymour	Chair BAS (Items 1-5)
IN ATTENDANCE:	Anne McArthur	Secretary
	Stephen Heathcote	Director of Resources & Planning (Items 3.1-3.4)
	Roger Nicklen	Note Taker

Apologies for absence were received from Lindsay Tomlinson.

## 1 MINUTES

The Board approved the minutes of the meeting held 13 February 2008 for publication.

## 2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT TO DIRECTORS

*Plan & Budget 2008/09*

- 2.1 The Board considered and discussed the responses to the draft document and approved the Plan & Budget 2008/09 for publication, subject to final editorial review by the Chair and Chief Executive.

*FRC Funding*

- 2.2 The Board considered proposals for replacing the government's grant in aid on which the FRC was committed to mount a public consultation. The Board endorsed the principle that the FRC's costs should be met by the major groups subject, directly or indirectly, to its regulatory requirements. It was noted that the two major groups not currently contributing were the public sector and private companies and the Board commissioned further work on the preparation of a consultation document.



*FRC Annual Report 2007/2008*

- 2.3 The Board considered the draft Annual Report for 2007/2008 and commissioned a number of changes.

*Audit contingency planning*

- 2.4 The Board considered the case for audit contingency planning and the FRC's role in any contingency planning arrangements. The Board discussed the importance of learning the lessons from past experiences, the relative priorities to be attached to establishing crisis management arrangements and to taking action to mitigate the risk of a major audit firm withdrawing from the market (with particular reference to the mitigation of risks to international networks arising from litigation and from disproportionate regulatory or judicial action).

*Guidance on auditor liability limitation agreements*

- 2.5 The Board considered an outline of the work of the working group set up to produce guidance on how to apply the new statutory provisions relating to auditor liability limitation agreements and agreed to consider the issue further when the working party had reached its final conclusions.

### **3 REPORTS FROM OPERATING BODY CHAIRS**

The Board noted the reports from Operating Body Chairs and from the Chair of the Committee on Corporate Governance.

### **4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The Board noted the minutes of the Executive Committee meetings held on 28 January and 28 February 2008.

### **5 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 5.1 The Board noted, with approval, the arrangements for handling operating bodies and their membership.
- 5.2 The Board noted the outline calendar for 2008 and 2009

### **6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT**

Following an interview of Mr Seymour, chaired by the Deputy Chair and in the absence of the Chair and the Chief Executive, the non executive directors agreed that Mr Seymour should be appointed as Chair of the BAS and an executive Director of the FRC until the end of his current tenure.

### **7 NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, 27 May 2008 at 9.00 a.m.