

**Summary of a meeting of the Regulatory Standards & Codes Committee (the 'Committee') held at 10am on 25 January 2023 at FRC, 125 London Wall, London EC2Y 5AS**

<b>MEMBERS:</b>	Hannah Nixon	Chair
	John Coomber	Committee member
	Clare Thompson	Committee member
<b>ADVISORS:</b>	Howard Walpole	Senior Advisor
	Paul Cox	Senior Advisor
	Richard Lawrence	Senior Advisor
<b>Prelims</b>		
	<p>Apologies for absence was received from Sir Ashley Fox.</p> <p>The Chair declared the meeting quorate.</p> <p>The Committee welcomed Howard Walpole to his first meeting as a senior advisor to the Committee.</p> <p>No new declarations of interests were made by those present.</p> <p>The Committee approved the minutes of its meeting held on 23 November 2022.</p>	
<b>APPROVALS</b>		
	<p><b>Revised Taxonomies Objectives and Principles</b></p> <p>The Committee considered and approved the revised Objectives and Principles for the FRC Taxonomies. The two main changes to the Objectives and Principles for the FRC Taxonomies were to broaden the language to include narrative reporting and make clear the distinction between the legal and technical aspects of creating and maintaining the taxonomies, and to emphasise the legal basis of the taxonomies.</p>	
	<p><b>Finalisation of Technical Actuarial Standard 100 – Principles for Technical Actuarial Work:</b></p> <p>Following discussion, the Committee agreed to recommend to the FRC Board the publication of Technical Actuarial Standard 100: General Actuarial Standards: Feedback Statement and Impact Assessment and 'Technical Actuarial Standard 100: General Actuarial Standards, Version 2', effective 1 July 2023.</p>	
	<p><b>TAS 400 – Funeral Plans: Consultation for Approval</b></p> <p>The Committee discussed and approved TAS 400 for consultation</p>	
<b>NOTED ITEMS</b>		
	<p><b>Proposals for the revision of the UK Corporate Governance Code</b></p> <p>The Committee received an update on how the review of the UK Corporate Governance Code was progressing. The Committee was also informed of the ongoing assessment of the latest round of Stewardship Code applications and a look forward to the review of the Stewardship Code and regulatory framework for stewardship.</p>	

	<p><b>Proposals to support the government review of Non-Financial Reporting</b></p> <p>The Committee considered the FRC’s proposals to support the government review of Non-Financial Reporting. The review will consider existing UK corporate reporting requirements and reporting thresholds and will seek to identify opportunities for deregulation and simplification.</p> <p>The Committee provided feedback on work to develop the NFR review proposals in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the importance of materiality,</li> <li>b. the proposed threshold for the new size-based definition of PIEs, and</li> <li>c. the usefulness of reporting to users, including users other than equity investors.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Digital Reporting Priorities</b></p> <p>The Committee discussed the priorities for the FRC’s work on digital reporting in 2023/4 and agreed to support those priorities namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. work to support taxonomy development and enhancement,</li> <li>b. work to drive up the usability and usefulness of structured data (both externally and internally), and</li> <li>c. work that supports the embedding of ESG data into company reporting.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Update from the Executive Director of Regulatory Standards</b></p> <p>The Executive Director of Regulatory Standards provided an overview of the work of the Division. Key highlights from the report included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. an update on the timetable for the Government’s audit and corporate governance reform plans and;</li> <li>b. that the FRC Lab applied to the Regulatory Pioneers Fund (A BEIS innovation fund) and was awarded £796k for the Company and Organisational Data Explorer (CODEx) project. The project would see the FRC build upon its taxonomy work to lead a coalition of regulators in developing a regulatory toolkit for structured data and producing a feasibility study for a public platform for structured data. The project will help develop the FRC’s role as the innovation lead for digital reporting in the UK;</li> <li>c. that the FRC was increasing its international influence through IAASB, IESBA and, FRC’s appointment to the ISSB’s Sustainability Standards Advisory Forum; and</li> <li>d. that following an annual review of the accumulation rate assumptions, the AS TM1 v5.0. will remain in force for SMPs issued between 1 October 2023 to 5 April 2024.</li> </ul>
	<p>The next meeting was scheduled for 27 April 2023</p>