Institute and Faculty of Actuaries, Regulatory Board

| Subject | Board Priorities for 2023/24 |
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| International issues considered? | Yes |
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| Purpose | Steer |

A: Executive summary

- 1. This paper sets out the proposed priorities for the Board over the next 12-18 months.
- 2. Given the extent of significant change over the preceding year, it is suggested that there is a continued focus to embed and implement these changes; together with a renewed focus on existing areas of priority which continue to be of pressing importance.

B: Priorities

- 3. Proposed priority list (over next 12-18 months):
 - The implementation of new regulatory requirements in relation to diversity, equity and inclusion, including the development and publication of non-mandatory guidance.
 - The development and publication of new guidance on professional requirements concerning climate change and sustainability, and further consideration of any additional regulatory action.
 - The introduction of a new regulatory and professional support service.
 - The completion of the review of the Designated Professional Bodies (DPB) regime.
 - A review of the implementation of the new Practising Certificate Scheme and the exploration of the potential incorporation of part of the Practising Certificate Scheme into the QAS.
 - The ongoing observation of the economic environment and consideration of the use of regulatory tools to ensure member awareness of the risks arising from volatility.
 - The continued engagement with the UK government on its proposals for actuarial regulation.
 - Development of the Board's relationship with the proposed new Unitary Board and a review of the Board's reporting obligations following this change to IFoA governance.
- 4. In addition to the suggested priorities, the Board will continue to undertake its ongoing business, including :
 - The scrutiny of reports from its Committees and Board
 - Horizon scanning and risk management
 - The periodic review of standards and guidance
 - Regular 'deep dives' on actuarial topics of particular public interest risk
 - Further thematic reviews on key areas of interest

C: Recommendations

5. The Board is asked to consider and provide a steer on the priorities, including whether there are any additional areas of focus that should be prioritised.