

Institute and Faculty of Actuaries

Noting report

Subject	Chairman's update
Regulation Board meeting	1 July 2020
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Although it has been a relatively short time since the last Board meeting in April and we remain in 'lockdown' quite a lot seems to have occurred

Regulation Board

2. Management Board considered the changes to the composition of Regulation Board at its meeting on 12 May. Ben and I attended the Management Board meeting to answer questions about the proposals. The Management Board were very positive and unanimously agreed the proposals to change the composition of the Board to 50% lay/50% non-lay. ***redacted due to confidential content***

Kingman and meeting with BEIS/HMT

3. As you will be aware, we had been told that the Government would consult this Spring on its proposals to deal with the recommendations from the Kingman review. The onset of coronavirus has put paid to a consultation before Autumn at the earliest. ***redacted due to confidential content***

Financial Reporting Council

4. The current oversight arrangements with the FRC will now therefore last for a number of years. You will have seen that the new Chair of the FRC resigned. Inevitably, this means that, together with the impact of coronavirus, some of the changes that were due to take place at the FRC have been put on hold pending the arrival of a new Chair. ***redacted due to confidential content***. Board Members saw the FRC report on governance oversight. This is a private report and is not published.

Continuing Professional Development

5. Following agreement at the last Board meeting, the revised Scheme for Continuing Professional Development (CPD) has been published. Between the May Board and the date of publication, the executive engaged extensively with the FRC in order to

ensure that, despite certain concerns, they were content with the revised Scheme. That engagement was very positive and the FRC had no objections to the Scheme as amended by the Board. The FRC welcomed the requirement for mandatory recording. A further more detailed update is included in the Executive Update paper.

Joint Forum on Actuarial Regulation

6. I attended the quarterly meeting of JFAR. At the time of the meeting their risk perspective had not been published and we had a further discussion about the document. It has now been published. The most substantive item on the agenda was a discussion of the work of the IFoA COVID task force led by the President Elect, Louise Pryor. Louise will report again to the September JFAR meeting about progress on the multiple work streams. After the JFAR meeting, Ben and I had a very positive meeting with Louise about how we could identify the public interest implications of these work streams so that in due course they can be considered by the Regulation Board.

Actuarial Council

7. The quarterly meeting of the Actuarial Council took place in June. The previous meeting was meant to be the last meeting as the Council was due to be changed into an expert panel. However, as with a number of governance changes, the Actuarial Council remains for the time being. There was an interesting discussion about regulation of funeral plans. Council members remain concerned about the financing of such plans. My view is that I am unclear that there is more that can be done by the actuarial profession at this point in time and the work of the FCA will be essential in monitoring and enforcing how these schemes are marketed to the public.