# Institute and Faculty of Actuaries

# **Regulatory Board**

Discussion report

| Subject                         | Future arrangements for actuarial regulation   |
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| Regulation Board meeting        | Strategy Day - 27 September 2022   |
| Author                          | IFoA Executive   |
| International Issues Considered | Yes - Primarily a UK issue but some international issues considered (including definition of geographic scope) |
| Purpose                         | Steer  |

### A: Executive summary

### 1. Summary

- 1.1 The Board will be aware of developments over the last few years in relation to UK Government proposals for new statutory arrangements for actuarial regulation, including the proposed establishment of a new body, the Audit Regulation and Governance Authority (ARGA), to replace the FRC and take on actuarial responsibilities.
- 1.2 Included at **Appendix 1** is a presentation summarising the Government's proposals and identifying some key regulatory policy issues for consideration, as well as some different scenarios that may arise.
- 1.3 For ease of reference, the Government response to their own White Paper (which sets out its actuarial proposals at pp 151-163) is <a href="here">here</a>. The IFoA's recent briefing note (which sets out its position and remaining concerns) is included at **Appendix 2**.
- 1.4 The IFoA's Regulatory Strategy Steering Group continues to oversee the work being carried out to influence Government, parliamentarians and the FRC in relation to the proposals, with guidance from its public affairs consultant, Cicero.
- 1.5 There is, as yet no draft legislation and still a great deal of uncertainty around the timing of introduction of the new arrangements, as well as no guarantee that they will be introduced at all if they are deprioritised and/or the wider changing political climate leads to a change in the Government's position.
- 1.6 However, if the new arrangements are to come into effect in line with the FRC's <u>current transition plans</u> (anticipating an April 2024 effective date) then there is a need for the Regulatory Board to start considering the steps it might need to take to adjust its own regulatory arrangements and functions.

#### **B:** Recommendations

- 2.1 The Board is asked to consider and discuss the different possible scenarios under the proposed new statutory arrangements and what that may mean for the IFoA's future regulatory role.
- 2.2 It is also asked to provide a steer on whether there are any steps that should be taken at this stage in relation to the likely new arrangements.

#### C: Appendices

**Appendix 1:** Future actuarial arrangements presentation **Appendix 2**: IFoA briefing note