



Meeting of the Corporate Governance Expert Group

To be held on: Monday 15 September 2014 at 4.00pm
 Venue: Wedlake Bell LLP, 52 Bedford Row, London, WC1R 4LR

AGENDA

1. Welcome to Gillian Lees, Head of Research & Development, Governance & Risk, CIMA, to discuss Business Models
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the last meeting (8 July 2014)
4. Consultations

	Consultation	Action	Lead
a)	Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Bill: House of Commons Public Bill Committee request for written evidence http://www.parliament.uk/business/news/2014/july/have-your-say-on-the-small-business-bill/	Volunteers to draft a response and comments sought. Response should be submitted before 6 November 2014, but ideally before 14 October	Corporate Governance Expert Group

5. Current Issues

- a) QCA/UHY Hacker Young Corporate Governance Behaviour Review
- b) Update on progress with Audit Committee Guide for Small and Mid-Size Quoted Companies
- c) Meeting with BIS on corporate transparency issues (20 August 2014)
- d) Update on Shareholders’ Rights Directive Proposal

6. Communications and Future Meetings

	Document	Action/comments by CGEG
a)	Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee on the Commission's proposals to amend the Shareholder Rights Directive http://register.consilium.europa.eu/doc/srv?l=EN&f=ST%2011804%202014%20INIT	For information only – The opinion mentions that the EESC are concerned about the possibility of additional administrative burden in the case of smaller listed companies (see 4.1).
b)	The Financial Reporting Lab insight report 'Towards Clear & Concise Reporting' https://www.frc.org.uk/News-and-Events/FRC-Press/Press/2014/August/Financial-Reporting-Lab-issues-insight-report-on-%E2%80%98.aspx .	For information only – This report examines progress made by companies towards producing relevant and succinct annual reports and accounts, and provides ideas on how companies can make further progress
e)	Membership Drive	
f)	Guest invitations to future meetings	

g)	Policy Update (August 2014)	For information only – quarterly update on expert group work which is circulated to the QCA Board.
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7. AOB

8. Information for noting

Consultation Update – Responses submitted:

The European Commission’s strategy on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) 2011-2014: achievements, shortcomings and future challenges(Response sent 13 August 2014)

ACCA – Creating value through governance (Response sent 29 August 2014)

Date for next meeting:

Monday 20 October 2014, with David Styles, Director of Corporate Governance, FRC (4pm) (Venue: Wedlake Bell LLP, 52 Bedford Row, London WC1R 4LR)