

Present:

Matthew Stallabrass (Chairman)	MS
Edward Beale	EB
Jack Easton	JE
David Gray	DG
Matthew Howells	MH
Gary Jones	GJ
Nick Winters	NW
David Pugh	DP
Joseph Archer	JA
Tim Ward	TW
Maria Gomes (minutes)	MG

In attendance:

Anthony Appleton	FRC (Observer)	AA
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ACTIONS**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Anna Draper, Ian Davies, Shalini Kashyap, Niraj Patel, Nigel Smethers, Paul Watts and Kate Jalbert.

2. Minutes of the last meeting (21 October 2014)

The minutes were approved.

3. Key discussion items:

- **IASB Exposure Draft Recognition of Deferred Tax Assets for Unrealised Losses (Proposed amendments to IAS 12)**

The Group agreed that the QCA should submit a short response, mentioning that this is a clear situation where the business model should determine whether a deferred tax asset is sensible and that the IASB should undertake a more fundamental review.

MG/KJ

- **FRC Exposure Draft, FRED 56 'Draft FRS 104 Interim Financial Reporting'**

The Group agreed that the QCA should submit a short response supporting the proposals and broadly welcoming the FRC's approach.

MG/KJ

- **IASB Exposure Draft detailing proposed amendments to IFRS 2 Share-based Payment**

JA mentioned that this consultation has some interesting aspects (such as point c) of the proposed objectives). EB commented that the IASB should have a more thorough and holistic approach in amending IFRS 2 and fixing some of its problems. The Group decided to re-discuss this in our next meeting.

- **Quoted Companies Alliance Corporate Reporting Charter**

TW explained that this was produced a couple of years ago and it should be reassessed to see if it is still relevant and open discussions on its contents. EB commented that, regarding the first paragraph, some of the wording should be tweaked, as 'materiality' should be replaced by 'relevance'.

TW asked the Group about the direction of the QCA's campaigns. EB commented that it is important for the IASB to see the QCA's engagement with investors. He explained that the QCA should represent the views of the preparers and investors in our responses and reports because this carries more weight and inspires trust. AA added that the QCA actively participates in debates and is influential.

The Group suggested adding something to the Charter to say that we believe in true and fair reporting, allowing companies to tell their own story. EB mentioned that comparability/uniformity creates the need to make adjustments that often remove meaning from reports.

4. Communications/Future Meetings

- **ESMA Public Statement on European Common Enforcement Priorities for 2014 – For information**

This was not discussed.

- **FRC eNewsletter 'Setting the Standard' – For information**

This was not discussed.

- **FRC statement on transparency of Audit Quality Review findings – For information**

This was not discussed.

- **Policy Update Briefing (October 2014) – For information**

This was not discussed.

- **Guests for future meetings**

TW suggested inviting someone from the FRC, European Commission or EFRAG to come speak about IFRS.

MG/Chris Stapeley

- **Dates for 2015**

This was not discussed.

5. A.O.B.

a. Audit Directive and Regulation

MG informed the Group on the upcoming FRC and BIS consultations on the transposition of the Audit Directive and Regulation (scheduled to be published mid-December). MG added that this could impact AIM companies since BIS is considering the possibility of expanding the definition of a public interest entity (PIE) beyond the EU minimum requirement (i.e. listed companies, banks, building societies and insurers), thus imposing stricter requirements to statutory audits of these entities.

b. AIM Rules re IFRS

TW mentioned that AIM is considering consulting on the AIM Rules. Nilam Statham from AIM Regulation will be coming to meet our Legal and Corporate Finance Expert Groups; he added that we could make the point regarding requiring IFRS for every AIM company. The Group mentioned that it would be beneficial to conduct some research on this to see if the community thinks it is a good idea. EB added that there will be time and costs associated with converting to IFRS and he volunteered to provide the Group with cost analysis if necessary. The Group agreed to add this topic to our next meeting's agenda for discussion.

MG

6. Date of next meeting

Tuesday, 27 January 2015, 16:30 – 18:00 (Venue: Crowe Clark Whitehill LLP, St Brides House 10 Salisbury Square, London EC4Y 8EH (Host: Matthew Stallabrass))

7. Action Points

Action	Person	Timetable
Draft QCA response to IASB Exposure Draft Recognition of Deferred Tax Assets for Unrealised Losses (Proposed amendments to IAS 12) and circulate to the Group for comments	MG/KJ	ASAP (before 18 December 2014)
Draft QCA response to FRC Exposure Draft, FRED 56 'Draft FRS 104 Interim Financial Reporting' and circulate to the Group for comments	MG/KJ	ASAP (before 12 January 2014)
Inviting someone from the FRC, European Commission or EFRAG to come speak about IFRS	MG/Chris Stapeley	ASAP
Add the AIM Rules re IFRS topic to our next meeting's agenda for discussion	MG	Next meeting