



**Minutes of the QCA Tax Expert Group**

Held on: Tuesday 13 June 2017

Venue: Grant Thornton, 30 Finsbury Square, London EC2P 2YU

(Host: Neil Pamplin)

**Present:**

Paul Fay (Chairman)	Crowe Clark Whitehill LLP	PF
Emma Bailey	Fox Williams LLP	EB
Tim Crosley	Memery Crystal LLP	TC
Daniel Hawthorne	Dechert	DH
Daniel Robertson	RSM	DR
Peter Vertannes	KPMG	PV
Lisa Vainio	Quoted Companies Alliance	LV
Callum Anderson (minutes)	Quoted Companies Alliance	CA

**In attendance:**

David Blumenthal	Clyde & Co	DB
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**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Neil Armstrong, Michael Bell, Nick Burt, Tom Gareze, Catherine Hall, Richard Jones, Emma Locken, Shofiq Miah, Neil Pamplin, Matthew Rowbotham, Ray Smith, Vijay Thakrar and Tim Ward.

**2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (22 March 2017)**

The minutes were approved.

**3. ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION**

	ITEM	ACTION
a)	<p><b>QCA Budget Representations – Autumn 2017</b></p> <p>PF explained that the QCA still intended to submit a budget submission in early October 2017 ahead of Autumn Budget 2017. He explained that the Working Group would work on the next submission over the summer.</p> <p>The Expert Group assessed the 2016 proposals. It was unanimously agreed that advocating a level playing field for raising debt or equity, as well as promoting employee share ownership should continue to be included in the QCA’s proposals.</p> <p>TC mentioned that although reforming EIS and VCT rules was attractive,</p>	None at this stage.

	<p>any significant changes were likely to be restricted because of EU state aid rules. He noted that these rules could be enhanced in post-Brexit Britain.</p> <p>The Expert Group noted that its proposals with respect to entrepreneurs' relief had gained some traction with HM Treasury and would be worth developing further in the next submission. TC added that this was particularly true of the QCA's proposals on earn-outs.</p> <p>It was suggested that proposals regarding employment income clawback provisions be deleted from future submissions.</p> <p>The Expert Group exchanged views on how the proposals regarding a binding, ruling service could be further developed to include more than just capital gains and international taxes.</p> <p>EB mentioned that the QCA express its support for the renewal of EMI in 2018.</p>	
c)	<p><b>Brexit</b></p> <p>It was noted that the UK is due to begin negotiations with the EU on 19 June 2017.</p>	None to note.

#### 4. COMMUNICATIONS AND FUTURE MEETINGS

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a)	<p><b>Policy Update (April 2017)</b></p> <p>This was tabled for information only and was not discussed.</p>	None to note.
b)	<p><b>Guest invitations to future meetings</b></p> <p>The Expert Group agreed that it would be useful for Wyndham North and his team at the HM Treasury to come along to the September meeting to discuss the QCA Budget Representations.</p>	CA to invite guests to meetings.

#### 5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

PF welcomed PV and DB to the Expert Group.

#### 6. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 27 September 2017, 9.00am – 10.30am, with HM Treasury as guests (Venue: Grant Thornton, 30 Finsbury Square, London, EC2P 1AG (Host: Neil Pamplin)).