Meeting of the Corporate Governance Expert Group

To be held on: Tuesday 1 February 2022, 9.00am – 10.30am.

Venue: Videoconference call

AGENDA

1. Welcome to Mark Manning, Technical Specialist, Sustainable Finance and Stewardship, FCA, to discuss

the FCA's recent Policy Statement on enhancing climate-related disclosures by Standard Listed

companies, the FCA's ESG strategy and any new publications the FCA is working on in the ESG space.

2. Apologies

3. Further issues for discussion

a) Future meetings and speaker priorities.

4. Communications (information only)

a) The result of the QCA and YouGov bi-annual Small and Mid-Cap Sentiment survey was published

towards the end of 2021. The survey provides insight into how small and mid-sized quoted

companies have responded to 2021 and what their outlook for the year ahead is. For the first time

in the history of the survey, bank debt overtook equity as the most attractive form of financing for

small and mid-sized quoted companies. You can view the results of the survey here.

b) The QCA and UHY Hacker Young published its annual AIM Good Governance Review in December

2021. The report analyses the governance disclosures of 50 AIM-quoted companies across three

specific areas: board performance evaluations; ESG; and the post-Covid recovery. To access the

review, please click here.

c) The QCA and Peel Hunt Small and Mid-Cap Investor Survey for 2022 will be published on 25 January

2022. This year, the survey focussed on: the attractiveness of public markets; ESG developments; the

importance of retail investors; views on the definition of small-caps; and research on small and mid-

caps.

5. Any other business

Next meeting: Tuesday 8 March 2022, 9.00am – 10.30am, TBC