

Dear Sir/Madam,

CIMA welcomes the opportunity to respond to the FRC Draft Plan & Budget and Levy Proposals 2017/18.

CIMA is keen to see the impact that the FRC's expanded audit and audit quality responsibilities will have on its regulatory oversight of the wider accountancy profession and on its role in relation to enforcement. And, in turn, how financial contributions from those they regulate will be determined and allocated going forward and the value that will accrue to CIMA members.

A priority for management accountants is the corporate governance and financial reporting initiatives and we trust that staffing and funding levels will be sufficient to enable those agendas to continue moving forward.

Likewise, as a global organisation CIMA welcomes the international engagement and outreach work and we trust that it will apply across all aspects of the FRC's work. We also welcome involvement in the FRC's Culture Coalition in which CIMA was one of the contributing coalition partners, and would hope that investment would continue to be made for similar initiatives to drive integrity, trust and more responsible business behaviours.

CIMA supports the FRC's plans to continue to promote and highlight clear and concise reporting. The approach to IFRS development Post Brexit makes sense and we will wait to see what deal the Government strikes but we support the principle of the application of a single set of high quality global financial reporting standards to Listed companies.

We welcome the reference to the Business Model Reporting Project referenced but we would like to see this work feeding across into the actions on Corporate Governance in relation to the Green paper.

We agree with the work on Culture informing the Board Effectiveness Guidance. This should be prioritized for the first quarter as an update would be timely. We also welcome the work on bringing in a code for privately held companies.

We agree with the S.172 references and in particular the need to look at it in the context of the strategic report.

As part of the Stewardship code we think a set of principles for Board consultants may be useful – could this be added to this part of the document.

Yours faithfully,

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