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## **GAAP: In depth**



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## Recent developments

#### **IFRS**

#### **Projects:**

Responses to the proposals to address the different effective dates of IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments* and the forthcoming insurance standard

Responses to EFRAG questionnaire reveal different assessments of the proposed definitions of assets and liabilities in the IASB's Conceptual

IASB member discusses the disclosure initiative

Click here for the latest IASB work plan.

### Meeting minutes and further information:

February and March IASB meetings March IFRSIC meeting

## UK GAAP

## **New Standards, Interpretations or Amendments:**

The FRC makes limited amendments to the FRS 102 fair value hierarchy disclosure

#### **Corporate Governance**

FRC letter to investors ahead of the 2016 shareholder meeting season Chairman of the FRC highlights the importance of company culture The FRC publishes guidance for audit committee chairs on the reporting implications of current economic volatility

Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA) issues supervisory statement on good board governance for PRA-regulated firms

Investment Association action plan to boost the UK economy and end shorttermism calls for companies to end quarterly reporting



## Recent developments (continued)

#### Other

The ICAEW and ICAS publish an exposure draft of updated guidance on realised and distributable profits under the Companies Act 2006

The IFRS Foundation issues a "Debrief" video discussing IFRS 9

The Federation of European Accountants (FEE) publishes a briefing paper on the endorsement of IFRS 9 EU endorsement of IFRS 9 now expected in the second half of 2016

Chief Accountant of the US SEC comments on revenue recognition

FRC calls for feedback on new UK GAAP to inform its first triennial review

The Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) consults on disclosure of non-financial and diversity information by large undertakings and groups

ICAEW publishes a report providing recommendations to improve the quality of corporate reporting IASB staff makes available a webcast related to IFRS 16 *Leases* transition requirements for lessees The FASB issues new leases standard

ICAEW publishes a report into establishing materiality when providing assurance over non-financial information

The Corporate Reporting Dialogue (CRD) issues a statement that compares the definitions and approaches to materiality by CRD participants

The European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) publishes report on the activities of accounting enforcers and their findings within the EU in 2015

The Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) publishes a report into the future of sustainability reporting and disclosure

2016 IFRS XBRL taxonomy issued

HMRC finalises rules on country-by-country reporting of tax information by multinational enterprises International audit regulators call for improvement in audit quality by 2019

FRC publishes scope of Audit Quality Reviews for 2016/17

FRC publishes a report into engagement quality control reviews

The Government Equalities Office consults on mandatory gender pay gap reporting regulations

#### Other - industry specific

The Charity Commission for England and Wales and the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) amend the Charities SORP as a result of changes to UK accounting standards

BIS publishes the government response to the consultation on deregulatory changes for LLPs and qualifying partnerships as a result of the UK implementation of the EU Accounting Directive

HM Treasury publishes guidance to assist with sustainability reporting in the public sector

The <IR> Banking Network publishes a paper looking into applying the Integrated Reporting concepts of outcomes and social and relationship capital in the banking industry

The Climate Disclosure Standards Board (CDSB) publishes a review of environmental reporting by FTSE 350 companies

FRC and the Charity Commission publish new taxonomy for charity accounts

#### Tools and resources

#### Deloitte publications, interviews and recordings

## Point of view

Designed for CEOs, CFOs and non-executive directors, issues from the last quarter include: Power and Utilities — implications of the new leasing standard

#### Need to know

Designed for financial controllers, chief accountants and accounting technicians, issues from the last quarter include:

IASB issues amendments to IAS 7 Statement of Cash Flows requiring disclosure of changes in liabilities arising from financing activities

BIS consults on disclosure of non-financial and diversity information

FRC makes limited amendments to the FRS 102 fair value hierarchy disclosure

ICAEW and ICAS publish exposure draft of updated guidance on realised and distributable profits under the Companies Act 2006



## Tools and resources (continued)

#### Governance in brief

A summary of the latest corporate governance developments, issues from the last quarter include: Modern Slavery Act 2015 Gender pay gap information

## **Stay Tuned Online and Insurance webcasts**

Stay Tuned Online – IFRS and UK GAAP update March 2016
Insurance webcast 55 – The proposed solution to the de-coupling of IFRS 9 and IFRS 4 Phase II

Insurance webcast 56 – The IASB has completed its deliberations on IFRS 4 Phase II Insurance webcast 57 – Ballot begins for IFRS 4 Phase II and Deloitte comments on the "IFRS 9 decoupling" ED

Insurance webcast 58 – The IASB takes decisions on "IFRS 9 decoupling"



#### **Deloitte comment letters**

## **IFRS**

Proposed amendments to IFRS 4 Proposed amendments to IAS 40



#### **UK GAAP**

FRED 62 – Draft amendments to FRS 102 – Fair value hierarchy disclosures

FRED 63 – Draft amendments to FRS 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' - 2015/16 cycle

FRED 64 – Draft amendments to FRS 103 Insurance Contracts

Other comment letters, including responses to IFRSIC tentative agenda decisions, can be found by clicking **here**.

## Tools and resources (continued)

## New and revised pronouncements for 31 March 2016 year-ends

The table below provides a summary of pronouncements that will be newly effective for those with 31 March 2016 year-ends.



#### **IFRS**

Pronouncement	Newly effective for those reporting under IFRSs as issued by the IASB	Newly effective for those reporting under IFRSs as endorsed by the EU
Amendments		
Defined Benefit Plans: Employee Contributions (Amendments to IAS 19)	Yes	Yes
Annual Improvements 2010-2012 Cycle	Yes	Yes
Annual Improvements 2011-2013 Cycle	Yes	Yes
Interpretations		
IFRIC 21 Levies	#	Yes

<sup>#</sup> Standard was newly effective in prior period

For those standards issued but not yet effective, the latest EU endorsement status can be found here.

#### **New UK GAAP**

For periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015, three new Financial Reporting Standards (FRSs 100, 101 and 102) are in force. In addition FRS 103 *Insurance Contracts* and FRS 104 *Interim Financial Reporting* are also in force from the same date.

The various SORP-issuing bodies have revised their Statements of Recommended Practice (SORPS) in light of FRS 102.

Small and micro-entities that previously followed the FRSSE might wish to early adopt the presentation and disclosure requirements within Section 1A Small Entities of FRS 102 (together with the recognition and measurement requirements of FRS 102) or FRS 105 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the Micro-entities Regime* respectively.

Click here to see the new UK GAAP options available for financial reporting periods ending on 31 March 2016.

Click here for a collection of our resources on new UK GAAP.

#### Other regulatory requirements

- Requirement to include a full listing of subsidiaries in the notes to the financial statements under \$409 CA 2006
- 2014 UK Corporate Governance Code requirements
- FRC Guidance on Risk Management, Internal Control and Related Financial and Business Reporting
- FRC Guidance for Directors of Banks on Solvency and Liquidity Risk Management and the Going Concern Basis of Accounting

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