

**Summary Note of Council Meeting held on 18 May 2023
(hybrid meeting held in CA House and by Teams)**

NB Some matters may not have been included for reasons of confidentiality

Present	President Bellingham Deputy President Cornwell Vice President Scholes Dr Rimla Akhtar Ms Lyndsay Browne Mr David Cruickshank Mr Bernard Dunn Ms Samantha Frost Professor Elizabeth Gammie Ms Annie Graham Mr Robert Grome Dame Lin Homer Mr Jonathan Jacobs Mr Dalvir Johal	Mr Michael Kay Ms Emily Kennedy Ms Suzy Kerton Mr Gavin MacKenzie Mr Niall McCallum Mr Colin McClatchie Mr Graham Marjoribanks Mr Jonathan Mills Ms Louise Page Ms Tracey Rob Perera Mr Jim Robertson Dr Philip Rycroft Ms Ana Stewart
In Attendance	Mr Bruce Cartwright (Chief Executive Officer) Mr Chris Barber (Chief Financial Officer) Ms Gail Boag (Executive Director, Learning) Mr Robert Mudge (Executive Director, Regulation) Ms Sarah Speirs (Executive Director, Member Engagement and Communications)	Ms Carolyn Spencer (Executive Director, Customer Experience) Ms Ruth Davidson (Director of Data and Strategic Insights) Ms Wendy Smith (ICAS Secretary)

Presenter Ms Loree Gourley, Chair of the Ethics Board (item 8)

1. BACKGROUND

Apologies had been received from Mr Bruce Beveridge, Ms Margaret Bunyan and Mr Jason Harvie. A Council member declared an interest as an employee of a Member firm referenced in the papers. There were no other declarations of interest.

2. PRESIDENTS REPORT

President Bellingham reported on his Presidential activities since his appointment in April 2023 and which included a recent Member event at the Jonnie Walker Experience in Edinburgh and his visit to Fife College where he spoke to students in his capacity as ICAS President and a former student. Noting that since the last Council meeting in March, he had also covered the Admission Ceremony on behalf of President Sing Hothi who had been unable to attend and which he noted had been an honour and a privilege. President Bellingham looked forward to updating Council in September on further events in the Presidential calendar.

Council duly noted the President's Report.

3. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S (CEO) REPORT AND ICAS Q1 2023 PERFORMANCE UPDATE

The CEO highlighted a number of points from the report. Council noted the success of the ICAS special summit on Sustainability Reporting which had taken place in London on 26 April 2023, and which been attended by a number of influential speakers and panellists. The CFO outlined a number of points from the Q1 Performance Update.

After due consideration, Council noted the CEO Report and the Q1 2023 Performance Update.

4. BRAND INFLUENCER SURVEY RESULTS

The Executive Director, Member Engagement and Communications and the Director of Data and Strategic Insights shared slides on the ICAS Brand Influencer Survey Results 2023, noting that it was the intention to carry out the survey annually.

After due consideration, Council noted the Brand Influencer Survey Results 2023 presentation.

5. POLITICAL INFLUENCING ACTIVITY

With reference to slides shared at the meeting, the Executive Director, Member Engagement and Communications highlighted the letters written to, and meetings held with, Ministers, MPs/MSPs, government officials, regulators and other professional bodies along with the headline matters discussed. She also noted ICAS' influence in connecting with stakeholders through thought leadership citing the ICAS Sustainability Policy Summit and House of Commons Round Table on Widening Access to the Professions, as examples.

After due consideration, Council noted the Political Influencing Activity presentation.

6. QUALIFICATIONS BOARD ANNUAL REPORT TO COUNCIL

The report was taken as read. Noting that the focus for the Qualifications Board over the year had been Learning transformation and the new CA qualification, the chair of the Qualifications Board highlighted some of the other matters considered by the Qualifications Board.

After due consideration, Council noted the Qualifications Board Annual Report.

7. REGULATION BOARD ANNUAL REPORT TO COUNCIL AND PRESENTATION

The report was taken as read. The chair of the Regulation Board noted the changing regulatory environment and the need for ICAS to sustain its reputation as a good regulator. The Executive Director, Regulation then gave a presentation on the work of the ICAS Regulation Team and the plans to succeed in the current environment.

After due consideration, Council noted the Regulation Board Annual Report to Council and Presentation.

8. ETHICS BOARD ANNUAL REPORT TO COUNCIL

The chair of the Ethics Board highlighted key areas from the Ethics Board Annual Report including the facilitation of four material stakeholder speaker sessions to the Ethics Board over the year, the Board's engagement in shaping policy and contributing to guidance papers, engagement in the ICAS 'Shaping the Profession' initiative, and publishing a number of ICAS ethics case studies. She noted the Board's focus on ESG and Sustainability with ethics at the core.

After due consideration, Council noted the Ethics Board Annual Report.

9. 2023 COUNCIL WORKPLAN

The 2023 Council Workplan was noted.

10. DEATHS OF MEMBERS

President Bellingham announced the names of each deceased Member whose death had been intimated since the March 2023 Council meeting and invited members of Council to join him in a short period of reflection.

11. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL/REVIEW OUT OF MEETING

With regard to the items for approval/review out of meeting, which had been circulated with the 18 May 2023 Council papers, President Bellingham summarised the outcome and the following matters were approved/noted:

Matters Approved

- Appointments recommended by the Nominations Committee.

Matters Noted

- Oversight Board Minutes of 24 February 2023.

12.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed.