

**Meeting of the Accounting, Auditing and Financial Reporting
Expert Group**



To be held on: Wednesday 4th March 2026, 16:00 – 17:30.
Videoconference call.

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome and Apologies.**
- 2. Welcome to Helen Pierpoint, Technical Manager in Audit and Assurance at the ICAEW, to discuss the upcoming ICAEW Guide for Directors: Audit and Assurance in Context.**
- 3. UK Sustainability Reporting Standards: FCA CP26/5 Aligning listed issuers' sustainability disclosures with international standards.**
- 4. Modernising Corporate Reporting – Digitalisation of Paper Share Certificates.**
- 5. Withdrawal of the Audit Reform Bill.**
- 6. Around the room.**
- 7. Communications (for information only)**
 - a) Scaling for Success: The QCA Annual Conference 2026**

The QCA Annual Conference will be taking place on Thursday, 4 June 2026, at the Leonardo Royal Hotel, Tower Bridge. This flagship event brings together growth companies, their advisers and investors, policymakers, academics, politicians, and the media to explore and address some of the most pressing issues impacting the UK's capital markets.

The confirmed speakers include:

- Lucy Rigby KC MP, Economic Secretary to the Treasury;
- Andrew Griffith MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Business & Trade; and
- Gavin Lambert, Director General, Competition, Markets and Regulatory Reform, Department for Business and Trade.

b) QCA City Debate 2026

Join us on Wednesday, 25th March 2026, as we discuss the motion: "This House believes that boards need to do more to engage with investors."

The QCA City Debate will explore both sides of the issue, offer insights into current thinking and help reshape a forward-looking response.

Chaired by Barry Gamble, the debaters proposing the motion are Alexander Denny of The Association of Investment Companies (AIC) and Virginia Bull of Investec. Opposing the motion are Jon Prideaux, Chairman of the Global Growth Market, and Dr Paulina Roszkowska of Bayes Business School.

Hosted by Rathbones, with thanks to our sponsors, Board Intelligence and Equitory.

If you would like to book a free place, [click here](#).

8. AOB.

a) Terms of Reference (2026).

b) Next meeting: Tuesday 12 May 2026, 16:00-17:30. Videoconference call.