

AGENDA PAPER

IFRS Foundation Trustees' meeting—Due Process Oversight Committee

London

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Agenda ref

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To: DPOC

From: Alan Teixeira

Re: Due Process Handbook

Attached are two documents, a draft of the revised *Due Process Handbook* and the related Invitation to Comment.

The *Due Process Handbook* combines the due process requirements of the IASB and the IFRS Interpretations Committee.

The revised handbook looks fundamentally different to the current handbooks. However, most of the changes reflect the restructuring of the handbooks, the addition of the DPOC protocols and an editorial emphasis on plain English.

As with any such update of the handbook, many of the changes simply embed existing practice into our processes. For example, we have issued several Request for Views documents over the last few years, yet there is no mention of this type of document in our current handbooks. The revised handbook explains their role and the approval processes we follow before releasing one.

The Invitation to Comment explains what has changed between the current handbooks and the revised handbook, and highlights the substantive changes. We recommend that the DPOC should seek feedback on these substantive changes.

The *Due Process Handbook* is a Trustee document. In developing the draft I have not presented the document to the IASB as a whole. The more substantive changes have been discussed with senior technical staff and some IASB members.

I am seeking feedback on the draft from DPOC members, which I will incorporate into the draft. I am particularly interested in feedback on how the DPOC relationship with the IASB is reflected in the document. I have not included the detailed reporting protocols previously circulated to the DPOC (and demonstrated in the sample report relating to the Leases project). The demonstration of the new project pages on the IASB website, which will be given in the DPOC meeting, will show how we are building these protocols into the reporting functions. One option is to include a generic version of the reporting protocol as an appendix to the handbook. If we do so, I suggest that it be labelled as a 'living' document, which can be updated and improved without having to be subjected to public consultation. Or, we can retain the reporting protocols as a separate DPOC document. I think that either option would be effective.

Next steps

I expect to undertake another internal review and incorporate any feedback, along with comments from DPOC members, before the document is released for public comment. Assuming that the DPOC decides to release this draft for public comment, it would be helpful if we could begin the consultation process before the end of April 2012. This will allow the DPOC to set a comment period of around 120 days, which gives the staff the opportunity to consider the comments received and amend the draft for presentation to the October meeting of the DPOC.