



QAS Committee meeting

25 June 2026

Attending:	Nick Ong-Seng (Chair), Georgie Barnard, Nikhil Dodhia, Maura Feddersen, John Herbert, Greg Pataki
Executive Staff:	Darren Kerr, Emma Dalziel
Apologies:	Kathryn Wilson
Online or in person	Online

Item	Title	Action
1.	Welcome, apologies and conflicts	
1.1	<u>Welcome and Apologies</u> The Chair welcomed the Committee members to the meeting and noted the full agenda, including discussion of internal rating analysis and review of multiple annual returns.	
1.2	<u>To declare any conflicts of interest</u> Conflicts of interest were declared: [REDACTED]	
2.	Approve meeting minutes of April 2026	
2.1	The Minute from the previous meeting was reviewed and approved without amendment.	
3.	Action List	
3.1	<u>To review Committee action list</u> The Committee reviewed the outstanding actions: 456- [REDACTED] acquisition: No further updates; monitoring continues- action remains open. 457- Communications and Market Development Team engagement: Delayed due to internal restructuring- action remains open. 459- [REDACTED] - action to remain open.	



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	460- SQAR communications improvements: Email origin, subject lines and formatting have been updated to improve engagement; ongoing monitoring to continue. 461- PC Scheme audit: Invitations have been issued; audit is not yet complete. An update is expected at next meeting - action to remain open. Additional discussion: [REDACTED]	
4	Committee Action Plan	
4.1	<u>To discuss the Committee Action Plan</u> Communities Platform The Executive reported that the IFoA Communities platform had been closed following a wider organisational review, which resulted in the closure of the QAS communities group. [REDACTED] Alternative options, including use of existing platforms such as LinkedIn or a VLE system, are being explored, with consideration given to confidentiality and engagement challenges. SQAR Forum The planned in-person SQAR Forum was postponed due to a government weather warning and expected travel disruption. A shorter online session was delivered instead, which received positive feedback. An in-person date is being explored for later in the year. QAS Development The Executive noted progress with the QAS development project which he would provide more detail during the Executive Update however, noted changes will be in alignment with a wider IFoA organisational engagement strategy [REDACTED]	
5.	Executive Update	
5.1	<u>Executive to give update to the Committee.</u> Application Pipeline [REDACTED] QAS CPD Scheme	



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	Interest has been expressed by [REDACTED] in joining the CPD scheme. Engagement is ongoing to support potential participation. The Committee encouraged promotion of new participants to support scheme growth and visibility. QAS Monitoring Framework [REDACTED] IFoA Structural Changes The Executive confirmed an internal IFoA restructure is underway. Emma Dalziel confirmed that she would be leaving the IFoA. [REDACTED] The Chair and Committee formally recorded their thanks for her contribution, noting the professionalism and efficiency she brought to Committee operations.	
6	[REDACTED]	
6.1	[REDACTED]	executive
6.2	[REDACTED]	
7	Annual Returns	
7.1	[REDACTED] Annual Return The Committee noted strong evidence across all areas, including SQAR oversight, outcomes, and continuous improvement. While BPR implementation was slightly less comprehensive, the overall submission was considered high quality. [REDACTED]	
7.2	[REDACTED] Annual Return The Committee acknowledged improvements in SQAR engagement and information quality. However, concerns were raised regarding limited responses to BPRs and evidence of continuous improvement.	



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	Executive to seek further clarification from the organisation on BPR responses and approach. Action [REDACTED]	Executive
	Nikhil Dodhia left the meeting 15:35	
7.3	[REDACTED] Annual Return The Committee noted strong underlying practices but limited demonstration of continuous improvement in the return itself. However, the Committee acknowledged that the information provided was sufficient and evidenced that the QAS outcomes continue to be met. [REDACTED]	
	John Herbert left the meeting 15:44	
7.4	[REDACTED] Annual Return The Committee noted the submission reflected a transitional period following organisational changes. [REDACTED] However, the Committee acknowledged that the information provided was sufficient and evidenced that the QAS outcomes continue to be met. [REDACTED]	
	Maura Feddersen left the meeting 15:48 John Herbert re-joined the meeting 15:49	
7.5	[REDACTED] Annual Return The Committee noted strong examples of delivery against QAS outcomes and clear incremental updates. [REDACTED]	
8	AOB	
8.1	AOB [REDACTED]	
	[REDACTED]	Executive