



ASSOCIATION OF CONSULTING ACTUARIES

# ACA NEWS

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Here is our periodic brief for ACA members summarising activities and events we have planned over the period ahead.

## **\*EXTRA WEB SESSSIONAL MEETING: 23 AUGUST 2023 at 3pm**

**“The Mansion House papers – What is being envisaged by the Options for DB Schemes Consultation? What could be the wider impact on pension scheme investment and consolidation?”**

A discussion ahead of the evidence calls and consultation responses between **Steve Webb** (LCP), **Michael Tory** (Ondra Partners) and **Patrick Bloomfield** (Hymans Robertson).

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## **\*WE WANT YOU and YOUR CLIENTS' VIEWS: ACA SURVEY ON TRUSTEE SKILLS and CAPABILITIES**

This short survey offers you and your clients the opportunity to have a say in the evidence being sought during August by DWP and the Treasury into trusteeship skills, capability and culture.

The results of the survey will feature in our evidence to Government that will also go to the Chancellor, Pensions Minister and DWP/HMT policymakers, as well as the wider public. The survey (just **14 short questions**) looks for broad answers and should take no more than **5 minutes to complete**, with most answers being tick box based.

Individual responses will be treated in the strictest confidence - only aggregated results will be reported.

**NOTE:** Members completing the survey are invited to submit separate responses for individual schemes they have appointments with. **Please complete this survey online by 5pm on 25 August 2023.**

**[CLICK HERE TO BEGIN THE SURVEY](#)**

## **ACA RESPONDS TO TAS CONSULTATIONS**

We responded this week to the two consultations on TAS 300 and TAS 310, outlining our comments and concerns about the proposals from the FRC. To view the responses **[CLICK HERE](#)**.

## **DIARY DATES: 2023-24 SESSIONAL MEETING & CONFERENCES**

### **PROGRAMME**

The outline programme of Sessional Meetings and Conferences (in-person and web based) has been agreed, although – as ever – dates can be subject to change due to topical issues coming to the fore.

**13 September 2023:** In-person Sessional at St Ermin's (5.30pm) – Along the lines (working title) of '*This House believes actuaries need to do more to help sponsors and schemes to address their ESG/Sustainability priorities*'. Meeting to be preceded by YM/Young Members reception. More details to follow.

**\*NEW: 2-6 October 2023 Mini-Web Conference:** One week of 5 seminars – programme to follow.

**5 December 2023:** In-person Sessional at St Ermin's (5.30pm) – A debate on Pensions Adequacy matters along the lines (working title) of '*This House believes that CDC is the best available option left to secure a comfortable retirement income for future generations of savers*'.

**24 January 2024:** In-person Sessional at St Ermin's – topic TBC

**8/9 February 2024:** In-person **Members' Conference** at Gatwick, Sofitel

**Late February 2024:** Web Sessional Meeting (date tbc)

**20 March 2024:** In-person AGM and Sessional at St Ermin's (5.30pm) – topic TBC

**April 2024:** Web Sessional Meeting (date tbc)

**13 May 2024:** In-person Sessional at St Ermin's (5.30pm) – topic TBC

**May 2024:** **Regional Meetings** in Leeds, Scotland and Birmingham (dates tbc)

**June 2024:** Web Sessional Meeting (date tbc)

**September 2024:** Web Conference (dates tbc)

## **IDEAL FOR ONE OF THOSE WET DAYS:**

## **PLENARY SESSIONS RECORDINGS AVAILABLE: ACA CONFERENCE IN MANCHESTER**

Recordings of the three plenary sessions at our 2023 Manchester Conference covering UK economic prospects (our keynote speaker being former member of the Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of England, Andrew Sentance); a DB Funding Code panel reviewing "The new DB funding regime: views on the key implications for stakeholders" including TPR, Actuarial, Investment and Professional Trustee speakers; and an Inclusion and Diversity debate

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## **BOOK NOW FOR ACA 2023 ANNUAL DINNER: 26 SEPTEMBER at CLARIDGE'S**

Our guest speaker is **BBC Business Editor, Simon Jack**. The cost of a table is £2,800 + VAT and individual tickets £280 + VAT. The package includes a champagne reception, a four-course meal, all wines and liqueurs. For further details contact Tracey Gleed at the Secretariat – [tracey.gleed@aca.org.uk](mailto:tracey.gleed@aca.org.uk)

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