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Re: FRED 85 Draft amendments to FRS 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework 2023/24 cycle ("FRED 85")

Dear Mrs Carter,

On behalf of RSM UK Tax and Accounting Limited, a leading provider of audit, tax and consulting services to middle market leaders, globally, with over 4,900 partners and staff operating from 31 locations throughout the UK, we are pleased to comment on FRED 85.

We are supportive of the proposed amendments to FRS 101. Our comments and detailed responses to the questions set out in the Invitation to comment section of FRED 85 are set out in the appendix to this letter.

We would be pleased to respond to any questions the FRC or its staff may have about any of our response. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Paul Merris.

Yours sincerely,

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APPENDIX

Detailed response

Our responses do not consider the proposed changes insofar as they relate to entities incorporated in the Republic of Ireland.

Question 1

Do you agree with the proposed amendments to FRS 101? If not, why not?

We agree with the proposed amendments to FRS 101.

Question 2

Do you agree that no other amendments to FRS 101 are required for the IASB projects outlined in paragraph 7 of the Basis of Conclusions?

Non-current Liabilities with Covenants (Amendments to IAS 1)

We agree that the disclosure requirements from Amendments to IAS 1 Non-current Liabilities with Covenants issued by the IASB in October 2022, and adopted by the UKEB in July 2023, should apply to qualifying entities adopting FRS 101.

However, we believe that the draft Amendments to Appendix ii *Note on Legal Requirements* paragraph A2.9B(c) should be amended, in light of other amendments to IAS 1 which clarify that expectations are not considered in determining the classification of liabilities. The current drafting of paragraph A2.9B(c), includes the following:

"...whilst under UK-adopted international accounting standards the due date is based on when the entity expects to settle the liability or has no right at the end of the reporting period to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting period[*footnote].

[*footnote] For accounting periods beginning before 1 January 2023, the due date is based on when the entity expects to settle the liability or has no unconditional right to defer payment, unless the entity chooses to apply applies Classification of Liabilities as Current or Noncurrent (Amendments to IAS 1) early."

We suggest that paragraph A2.9B(c) is amended to remove the reference to 'expects to settle the liability and replaces this with:

"...whilst under UK-adopted international accounting standards the due date is based on whether the entity has a right at the end of the reporting period to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting period"

We agree that no other amendments are required for the IASB projects outlined in paragraph 7 of the Basis of Conclusions.

Question 3

Do you agree with the conclusion in the consultation stage impact assessment? If not, why not?

We have no comments to make on the consultation stage impact assessment.

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