

Appendix A: Technical Advisory Committee Update

Executive Summary

Project Type
Monitoring
Project Scope
Limited
Purpose of the paper
This paper provides a summary of the agenda and outcomes from the 14 July 2026 meeting of the UK Sustainability Disclosure Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), as relevant to the UKEB remit¹. The UKEB is represented on the TAC by a Board Member, who is appointed as a full member to reflect the requirement to maintain connectivity between UK-adopted international accounting standards and UK Sustainability Reporting Standards (UK SRS).
Summary of the Issue
At the 17 July 2026 meeting, the TAC considered its final draft response to the International Sustainability Standards Board's (ISSB's) March 2026 Exposure Draft on enhancements to three Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB) Standards.
Decisions for the Board
None
Recommendation
N/A – noting only
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¹ [UKEB Responsibilities relating to IFRS Sustainability Disclosure Standards or UK Sustainability Reporting Standards](#)

TAC meeting 17 July 2026

A1. The Committee:

- a) Received a general sustainability reporting update² that covered recent International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB) meetings and developments in selected jurisdictions.
- b) Discussed the TAC's final draft response to the ISSB's March 2026 Exposure Draft: [*Proposed amendments to the SASB Standards and IFRS S2 Industry-based Guidance*](#).

Proposed amendments to SASB Standards: Final Comment Letter³

- A2. The TAC discussed some clarifications to the proposed wording in the comment letter, including the relationship between the SASB Standards and sustainability-related risks and opportunities. The TAC members noted that the proposed wording should more clearly explain that SASB disclosure topics and metrics do not directly define an entity's sustainability-related risks and opportunities but rather support an entity's interpretation and disclosure of those risks and opportunities. Greater clarity was considered important to promote consistent application and maintain connectivity between sustainability-related disclosures and their current and anticipated financial effects on an entity's prospects.
- A3. The TAC approved the final comment letter (subject to those changes) to respond to the ISSB consultation on the Exposure Draft: *Proposed Amendments to the SASB Standards and IFRS S2 Industry-based Guidance*.

² [TAC Public Meeting July 2026 Paper 2: July General Reporting Update](#)

³ [TAC Public Meeting July 2026 Paper 3: Proposed amendments to SASB Standards – Phase 1 Part 2, Final comment letter](#)

Annex One: *UK Sustainability Disclosure TAC background*

1. The TAC was initially tasked by the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT)⁴ to assess the IFRS Sustainability Disclosure Standards, from a technical perspective, and provide advice⁵ to the Secretary of State on whether their endorsement would be conducive to the long-term public good in the UK.
2. On 18 December 2024, the TAC concluded⁶ that the endorsement of both IFRS S1 *General Requirements for Disclosure of Sustainability-related Financial Information* and IFRS S2 *Climate-related Disclosures*, was likely to be conducive to the long-term public good in the UK.
3. The TAC was also asked by DBT⁷ to understand the ISSB's enhancements to the SASB Standards and their implications for UK Sustainability Reporting Standards (UK SRS). On 16 March 2026, DBT⁸ asked the TAC to prioritise influencing a potential ISSB nature-related Exposure Draft, SASB Standards consultations, and continued engagement with GHG Protocol revisions.
4. In addition to the TAC, there is also a separate Committee, the Policy Implementation Committee⁹ (PIC), which is responsible for ensuring that any endorsed standards are implemented in a way that aligns with the mandates of UK government departments and regulators.

⁴ Section B: UK Sustainability Disclosure TAC [Terms of Reference](#).

⁵ [Context letter](#) from the Department for Business and Trade (May 2024) suggests that the TAC may wish to consider whether definitions in IFRS S1 and IFRS S2 are sufficiently clear, and whether any significant incompatibilities are identified with those currently used UK adopted international accounting standards.

⁶ TAC endorsement recommendation – [UK Endorsement of IFRS S1 and IFRS S2](#).

⁷ DBT [TAC priorities](#) (June 2025)

⁸ [Priority letter](#) (DBT 16 March 2026)

⁹ Section C: [UK Sustainability Disclosure PIC Terms of Reference](#) (updated September 2025)

Annex Two: UK Sustainability Disclosure TAC 2026 meeting schedule

1. The public meeting agenda, technical papers and summary minutes from the TAC meetings can be found on the UK Sustainability Disclosure TAC website¹⁰.
2. TAC meetings, scheduled for 2026, are listed below for information.
 - a) Monday, 19 January: [meeting summary](#).
 - b) Tuesday, 17 February: This was a private meeting where the TAC held confidential informational sessions on upcoming workstreams and discussed related administrative matters.
 - c) Tuesday, 24 March: [meeting summary](#)
 - d) Tuesday, 21 April: [meeting summary](#)
 - e) Tuesday, 19 May: [meeting summary](#)
 - f) Tuesday, 16 June: [meeting summary](#)
 - g) Tuesday, 14 July: [meeting summary](#)
 - h) Tuesday, 15 September
 - i) Tuesday, 13 October
 - j) Tuesday, 17 November
 - k) Tuesday, 15 December

¹⁰ UK Sustainability Disclosure TAC Meetings and Summaries [website](#)

Appendix B: Sustainability Update

IFRS Foundation updates

International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB)

- B1. On 21 July 2026, the ISSB met to discuss nature-related disclosures and enhancing the SASB standards Phase 2.
- B2. In relation to nature-related disclosures following topics were discussed:
 - a) due process steps and permission to ballot; and
 - b) overview of the likely effects of the proposed Practice Statement.
- B3. The ISSB confirmed that it has complied with the applicable due process requirements¹ and has undertaken sufficient consultation and analysis to commence the process for balloting the Exposure Draft. The ISSB will publish the Exposure draft in October 2026 and the comment period will be 120 days.
- B4. The ISSB considered the likely effects analysis of the proposed Practice Statement², including the expected costs and benefits of the proposals. The ISSB was not asked to make any decisions.
- B5. The ISSB staff presented its analysis and recommendation for 'Phase 2' of the project on enhancing the SASB standards³. The ISSB decided to comprehensively enhance the six SASB standards in the *Technology & Communications sector of Sustainable Industries Classification System (SICS)*.

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- B6. The **FRC** has published⁴ "Insights into Materiality in Corporate Reporting", drawing on its corporate reporting review work. The publication provides practical observations on how companies determine and communicate material information, including sustainability-related information, and is relevant as

¹ ISSB meeting July 2026, Project: [Nature-related Disclosures, Topic: Due process steps and permission to ballot \(Staff paper 3A\)](#)

² ISSB meeting July 2026, Project: [Nature-related Disclosures, Topic: Overview of the likely effects of the proposed Practice Statement \(Staff paper: 3B\)](#)

³ ISSB meeting July 2026, Project: [Enhancing the SASB Standards, Topic: Priorities for the next phase of SASB enhancements \(Agenda paper: 6\)](#)

⁴ [FRC shares insights into materiality in corporate reporting](#) Published: 29 July 2026

companies prepare for reporting under UK Sustainability Reporting Standards (UK SRS).

- B7. The **FCA's** CP26/5 consultation⁵, which proposes replacing existing TCFD-based disclosure requirements for listed companies with requirements aligned to UK SRS S1 and S2 closed in March 2026. The FCA intends to publish a Policy Statement in autumn 2026, with proposed application from accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2027.
- B8. The **ICAEW** and the **World Business Council for Sustainable Development** (WBCSD) have published⁶ "A Buyer's Guide to Assurance on Sustainability Information" to provide practical, decision-useful guidance to help organisations navigate assurance on their sustainability information.
- B9. The **Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy** (CIPFA) has published⁷ a report on sustainability reporting in the public sector. The report identifies key gaps in current reporting practice and provides recommendations for strengthening public sector sustainability reporting.

Rest of world update

- B10. The **European Financial Reporting Advisory Group (EFRAG)** has updated⁸ its European Sustainability Reporting Standards (ESRSs) Knowledge Hub to include the 2026 revised text of the ESRSs and the voluntary sustainability reporting standard for companies outside the CSRD scope, as adopted by the European Commission in July 2026.
- B11. The **Deutsches Rechnungslegungs Standards Committee** (DRSC) has published⁹ a study titled "Reporting on Anticipated Financial Effects" (AFE). The study analysed the sustainability reports of 20 large companies from:
 - a) the UK and Switzerland (applying the TCFD recommendations);
 - b) France and Spain (applying the ESRS); and
 - c) Turkey (applying IFRS S1 and IFRS S2).

The findings indicate that irrespective of the standards used entities are not yet fully clear what they are expected to disclose. The disclosures are often not

⁵ [FCA: CP26/5: Aligning listed issuers' sustainability disclosures with international standards](#)

⁶ [ICAEW and WBCSD launch A Buyer's Guide to Assurance on Sustainability Information](#)

⁷ [CIPFA publishes report on sustainability reporting in the public sector](#)

⁸ [EFRAG ESRS Knowledge Hub: 2026 Revised ESRS and Voluntary Standard Interactive Document Set Now Available](#)

⁹ [Reporting on Anticipated Financial Effects Deutsches Rechnungslegungs Standards Committee e.V. \(DRSC\) 29 June 2026](#)

comparable and sometimes not consistently distinguished from current financial effects or from other effects.

- B12. The **US government** has urged¹⁰ the European Union to scale back corporate sustainability requirements that regulate the environmental and social impacts of large companies and their global supply chains in August 2026. It argues that the measures place disproportionate compliance burdens on US businesses.
- B13. The **Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB)** has published¹¹ educational material titled “Disclosing information about an entity’s climate-related transition, including information about transition plans, in accordance with AASB S2”.
- B14. The **Sustainability Standards Board of Japan (SSBJ)** has published¹² its comment letter responding to the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB) Exposure Draft *Proposed amendments to the SASB Standards and IFRS S2 Industry-based Guidance*.
- B15. The **Greenhouse Gas Protocol (GHGP)** has announced¹³ a series of updates to its corporate standards. As part of the update, GHGP and the International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) will combine their corporate carbon accounting standards into a single, harmonised global accounting standard.

¹⁰ [US applies further pressure over EU sustainability rules 17 August 2026](#)

¹¹ [Australian Accounting Standards Board: Disclosing information about an entity’s climate-related transition, including information about transition plans, in accordance with AASB S2 Educational material July 2026](#)

¹² [Sustainability Standards Board of Japan comment letter to the ISSB](#)

¹³ [GHG Protocol Announces Key Standard Development Updates](#)