

IFoA Sustainability Research Forum Meeting Minutes

Date: 25 September 2025

Chair: Mairi Russell, Research Manager

Attendance and Group Memberships

- Mairi Russell – Chair, Research Manager
- Natalie Selby – Research Support
- Patrina Effer – Lifelong Learning Executive
- Emily Forsyth-Davies – Research Leader, Sustainability Board
- Lloyd Richards – Chair, Sustainability Reporting and Disclosure Working Party
- Alex Darsley – Chair, Climate Change and Interest Rates Working Party
- Ruth Bryson – Chair, Net Zero and Investment Portfolios Working Party
- Josie Currie – Co-chair, General Insurance Climate Change Working Party
- Dr. Alexey Mashechkin – Chair, Mobility and Climate Change Working Party
- Stuart Kopsis – Shadow, Health and Care Climate Change Working Party
- Mala Thurston – Health and Care Research Committee
- Kathryn Marszalek – Shadow, Healthy Food System Working Party
- Craig Campbell – Shadow, Net Zero Working Party
- Gergely Pataki – Co-chair, Life Climate Change Working Party
- Kumar – Shadow, Life Climate Change Working Party
- Aled Jones – Chair, Biodiversity Working Party

Group Presentations and Recent Outputs

- Sustainability Reporting and Disclosure: Newly formed group aiming to support companies with reporting requirements.
- Climate Change and Interest Rates: Finalising report and presenting at Life Conference in Edinburgh.
- Net Zero and Investment Portfolios: Paper submitted for review; group to be refreshed.
- General Insurance Climate Change: Expanded scope; four active workstreams including litigation and strategy.
- Mobility and Climate Change: On pause; seeking new chair and members.
- Health and Care Climate Change: Completed Practical Guide; considering next steps.
- Life Climate Change: Three workstreams including long-term liability impacts and regulatory developments.
- Biodiversity: Preparing planetary solvency nature report with food focus.

Forward Work Plans

- Recruitment for paused and refreshed groups.
- Planetary Solvency coordination under Sustainability Board.
- Improved tracking of outputs via CRM.
- Promotion of outputs through newsletter, LinkedIn, and webinars.

Key Questions and Answers

- Discussion on volunteer time commitment and expectations.
- Suggestion to revise vacancy wording to reflect meaningful contribution.
- Clarification on theory of change and purpose of working parties.
- Agreement to escalate broader strategic questions to Sustainability Board.

Decisions and Actions

- MR to raise the possibility of updating volunteer vacancy wording to reflect better time commitment expectations with TM.
- NS/MR to resolve Egress access issue for RB -
- All working parties to submit their outputs and planned activities to professional.communities@actuaries.org.uk mailbox for reporting
- Promote working party outputs via newsletter and LinkedIn.
- Coordinate planetary solvency work under Sustainability Board.