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The statement below was prepared before Moore Stephens LLP merged with BDO in February 2019. As of 1st February, Jeremy Willmont is a Business Restructuring Partner at BDO LLP

Personal introduction:

I joined Moore Stephens in 1989, initially training in audit before transferring to corporate recovery. I am now a Partner and Head of Restructuring & Insolvency. My practice spans the full range of restructuring work including advising stakeholders of companies in financial distress, rescuing businesses through formal insolvency processes, and acting as office holder in contentious insolvency cases involving fraud and asset tracing.

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Involvement with ICAEW:

I served for six years on the committee for the ICAEW Restructuring and Insolvency Community. In addition to regular committee work, I was involved in preparing the Community's annual conference programme (and presenting at conferences), participating in consultations and contributing to round table discussions on topical issues affecting the profession. I have continued my involvement on insolvency matters by joining the ICAEW Insolvency Committee.

I am also a member of the ICAEW Ethics Advisory Committee (IEAC), which I have had the honour to chair for the last two years. This committee is responsible for overseeing ICAEW's ethical advisory functions. It contributes to the development of relevant guidance and policies, and oversees the work of both the Technical Advisory Scheme and the Support Members Scheme.

The IEAC is composed of individuals who reflect the diversity of membership of ICAEW. In my role as chairman I have attended the Support Members Scheme annual conferences, which I have found to provide a deep insight into the challenges faced by our membership.

Motivation and ability to be a member of Council:

Our industry is going through a period of unprecedented change. There is intense scrutiny of assignments relating to public interest entities. The development of IT presents a threat to core aspects of many firms' businesses. In this changing world I am concerned that ICAEW should promote the continuing relevance of our profession, which is rooted in the ethical code and values that we all share, irrespective of the organisation that we work for.

I have undertaken an active role on various ICAEW committees and I am committed to devoting the necessary time to properly contribute to Council.

Strategic focus:

Restoring trust in the profession must be an absolute priority, and part of the answer may be better communication with the public about the ethical standards we adhere to.

There are other big challenges affecting us. Brexit is on everyone's mind: we must ensure that our members have the resources needed to support their clients facing such uncertainty.

Helping members cope with ever changing regulation should also be treated as a priority. I know, for example, that making tax digital is presenting huge challenges. Our members need help with such challenges and they must be confident that ICAEW is vocal in representing their interests.

London is a large constituency with extremely diverse membership. The high profile work carried out in the City will always attract attention but we must also look after the wider membership who perform an essential role supporting businesses in local communities. I know from my professional work dealing with such businesses, and from my discussions with members at smaller practices, how important it is for us to engage with this audience in a manner that shows real understanding of the problems they face.

Communication with members in the constituency:

I am constantly reminded through my work on ICAEW committees how important communication is. Information about work being carried out centrally does not automatically cascade to our wider membership. If elected it would be my objective to ensure that there was proper feedback to my constituency on the activities of Council. I would also look to spend more time with constituency members to canvas their views and ensure they are properly represented.

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