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Individual Professional Responsibility From third party software and the Code via the new QAS

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Individual Professional Responsibility

What does this mean?

- Individual?
- Professional?
- Responsibility?



What does this mean in pension working environments?

- Possible tensions
 - Commercial
 - Contractual
 - Time pressures
 - Client Relationships
 - Employer relationships
 - Conflicts of interest
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How can IFoA help members navigate through this?

- Actuaries' Code, Standards and Guidance
 - New ASCPR Guidance
 - Quality Assurance Scheme
 - Professional Support Service
 - Professionalism materials
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New Guidance

**Actuarial Software and Calculations
– Professional Responsibility**

“ASCPR Guidance”

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ASCPR - Background

- Developments in consulting world
- Needs of clients - both sponsor and trustee
- Provision of third party calculation solutions
- Questions raised with IFoA by tPR
- Establishment of Working Party

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Initial Discussions

- Confidence in Profession
 - Encourage Innovation
 - Legal Responsibilities
 - Commercial Factors
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Terms of Reference

- The working party's overall purpose is to identify:
 - i. The factors related to the use of models and calculations which enable a Scheme Actuary to properly sign off his/her work; and
 - ii. any associated issues and make recommendations for any IFoA actions.
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The Working Party

Third Party Products

Individual Professional Responsibility

Actuarial Software and Calculations

Volunteers drawn from users, actuaries and software providers

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ASCPR guidance

- For trustees and sponsors
 - Guidance includes
 - **Precis**
 - **Note to users** – including scenarios, Q&As for users and factors to consider
 - **Separate Q&As for actuaries**
 - Explains professional responsibilities of actuaries when they provide advice or actuarial information which relies on data or calculations provided by
 - trustees or scheme sponsors,
 - computer models or software programs
 - third parties, or
 - internal support teams
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Conclusions of Working Party

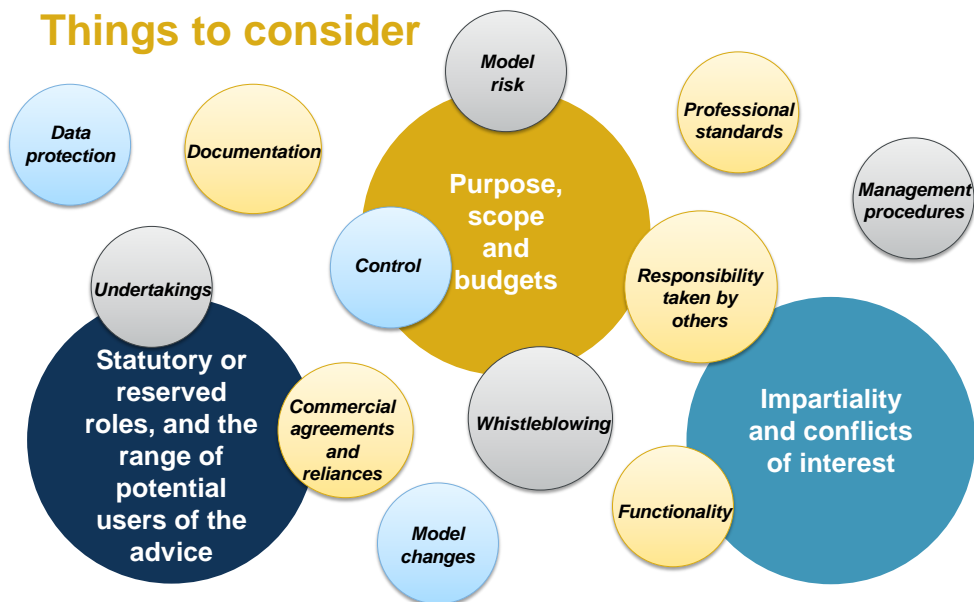
- Every case will be different
- It is incumbent on each actuary to reach their own conclusions
- Actuaries' Code provides the frameworks, and
- No new regulation needed

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Case Studies

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Things to consider



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Quality Assurance Scheme



- Another way to navigate through the tensions...
- Accreditation scheme for organisations that employ members
- Aims to create a direct link between the IFoA and those that employ its members
- Recognising:
 - The importance of culture and the working environment to Members' ability to meet their professional responsibilities
 - That the support of employers is required to meet the requirements of standards
- Outcomes based and linked to professional requirements

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Quality Assurance Scheme – key areas

- Quality Assurance (including Work Review)
 - Conflicts of Interest
 - Development / Training of Members
 - Speaking up
 - Relationship with Users
 - Engagement and communication
 - Handling and appropriate resolution of concerns
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Quality Assurance Scheme

- Senior Quality Assurance Representative (SQAR) forum
- Launched 1 September 2015
- First accreditations due to be announced spring 2016



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Professional Support Service

- Panels of experienced members can answer your questions
 - Any issue relating to professional ethical or technical matters
 - Submit an online query form
 - www.actuaries.org.uk/regulation/pages/professional-support-service
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Questions and comments ?



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