

# Council elections 2017

## CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

CONSTITUENCY: **BEDS, BUCKS AND HERTS**

Number of vacancies to be filled: **One**

Candidates (order of names drawn by lot)



### 1. Derek Blair BA FCA

Partner, Pinkham Blair

#### Personal Statement

Hi - I'm Derek. For my day job, I'm a partner at Pinkham Blair, a two-partner general practice based in Hemel Hempstead.

I have been one of your three councillors in BBH for the last two years. I am seeking re-election because I have enjoyed the experience and because I believe that my relative inexperience remains an asset within Council. I would like to offer my alternative perspective to as many ICAEW bodies as I can before I become 'institutionalised'.

My biggest contribution to BBH so far has been to act as the catalyst for the forthcoming Practice of the Future Conference, scheduled for 21 March 2017. In a world of seemingly accelerating change, I believe that the ICAEW needs to continually adapt itself and become truly agile, in deed as well as word. However, it also needs to take care not to leave behind, or become somehow separated from, its existing mainly UK-based membership.

ICAEW is a remarkably broad church. I would like it to remain that way. This will require careful maintenance and not a small amount of diplomacy. The needs of some elements of the membership may from time to time become disproportionate to their actual numbers, but I think it is important that ICAEW continues to monitor and recognise those varying needs and takes steps to provide support where it is needed, whether that is in Botswana, Blackfriars or Bedford.

#### Nominated by

**Alan Saffer BA FCA**

Non Executive, The City Literary Institute

**Neil Foster BA ACA**

Head of Finance, Trinity Estates Property Management

**Andrew Williamson BA ACA**

Partner, Williamson Morton Thornton LLP

**David Pinkham BA FCA**

Partner, Pinkham Blair

**William Price LLB ACA**

Finance Director, Business Image Ltd



### 2. Mary Hardy BA FCA CMIIA

Non-Executive Director

#### Personal Statement

I am standing for election to Council as I believe I can contribute a diverse perspective to governance of ICAEW from my professional background coupled with my knowledge of ICAEW from committee involvement over the years.

Although my working life has been based in London, I have lived in Leighton Buzzard in Bedfordshire for nearly 40 years. The Beds, Bucks and Herts district is home to a very diverse mix of ICAEW members ranging from sole practitioners and industry based professionals who have always worked in the counties to members who live here but work internationally. This creates the widest possible range of needs for ICAEW to satisfy and it is important those needs are fully understood and effectively communicated. In the coming years, we will all face challenges from Brexit and technological developments both of which could have fundamental impacts on our ways of working and it is crucial Council properly understands these impacts on all members and ensures ICAEW provides the support and leadership required.

I qualified with Arthur Young and served as an audit partner with them and Ernst & Young before leaving the profession and moving into internal audit and risk management. My last full-time role was Head of Risk Assurance for the London Olympics. I now have a portfolio of non-executive appointments and I am on the Boards and chair the Audit Committees of the Royal Navy, the Oil and Gas Authority and CABA. I am also on the Audit Committees of the MOD and the Commonwealth Games Federation.

I served on ICAEW's Audit Committee until March 2015 and have previously been a member of the Internal Audit Panel, the Audit and Assurance Faculty Committee and the Corporate Governance Committee.

#### Nominated by

**John Farthing BSc FCA**

Partner, Cloisters Capital LLP

**Richard King FCA**

**Martin Wright FCA MAE**

Partner, ECL Howard Watson Smith LLP

**Malcolm Clark FCA**

Partner, ECL Howard Watson Smith LLP

**Barry Smith FCA**

Consultant, ECL Howard Watson Smith LLP