

Chris Campbell appointed to ICAS Council

Chris Campbell, Senior Tax Manager in Johnston Carmichael's Elgin team, has been elected to the governing body of the Institute of Chartered Accountants Scotland (ICAS).

ICAS is the global professional body for Chartered Accountants, comprising over 23,000 members who hold the CA designation. As well as providing education and training, ICAS acts as a regulator for the accountancy industry and represents its members on a range of issues within the profession.

The ICAS Council, which meets four times per year, is responsible for the management and direction of ICAS and setting the overall strategy of the Institute. Chris's appointment to the Council takes effect from Friday 30 April. He will represent the Scotland North Area, covering Highland and Grampian, where he has worked in his professional career to date. Chris is a Chartered Accountant and Chartered Tax Adviser with over 13 years' post qualifying experience, and works with a range of businesses operating in a diverse array of sectors.

Within ICAS there are a number of boards, committees and panels, which all report back to the Council. These are aimed at providing value to the accountancy profession and its members as well as society at large. As well as attending meetings of the ICAS Council, council members sit on one of these boards or committees. Chris has been an active member of the Highland Area Network and has sat on the ICAS Members Board since March 2020.

The work of the Members Board is centred around ICAS member and student engagement, reaching out to members through the local Area Networks and developing the customer experience provided by the Institute.

Johnston Carmichael already has strong links with ICAS, with a number of the team holding positions on a variety of boards and committees. Sandy Manson, Johnston Carmichael's Chair, Head of Client Service and former Chief Executive, was ICAS President from 2018-19, and John Todd, Partner in the Inverness office, is currently Chair of the Highland Area Network.

Johnston Carmichael has also featured regularly on ICAS's annual list of Top 100 Young CAs for several years, with many of its rising stars recognised by the Institute as top performers.

Commenting on his appointment, Chris said:

"I am proud to be part of the ICAS Council as, first and foremost, I am proud to be a CA. I have found my experience to date on the Members Board to be very valuable and worthwhile, and my decision to stand for the ICAS Council was a logical next step. I am very grateful to my supporters for their belief in me.

The ICAS Council sets the strategic direction of the Institute and I hope that I can play my part in helping ICAS move forward as a global leader in the accountancy profession."