



Minutes

Emergency Board Meeting

Time and venue

08.30am by Microsoft Teams

Date

Tuesday, 12 January 2021

Attendees

Board

Susan Barratt	
Ian Bauckham	Interim Chair
Delroy Beverley	
Hywel Jones	
Simon Lebus	Interim Chief Regulator
Catherine McClellan	
Dame Christine Ryan	
Matt Tee	
Mike Thompson	
Frances Wadsworth	

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Beth Black	SRO 2021 Programme (VTQs)
Niamh Field	Board Secretary
Lorna Fitzjohn	Acting Executive Director, Vocational and Technical Qualifications
Richard Garrett	Director of Policy and Strategic Relationships
Daniel Gutteridge	Director of Legal
Michael Hanton	Director of Strategy and Markets
Cath Jadhav	SRO 2021 Programme (GQs)
Emma Leary	Associate Director, VTQ Policy (item 177/20)
Andy Lester	Private Secretary to the Interim Chief Regulator
Michelle Meadows	Executive Director, Strategy, Risk and Research
Jane Parsons	Director of Communications
Sean Pearce	Chief Operating Officer
Julie Swan	Executive Director, General Qualifications
Lydia Waine	Associate Director, Legal Establishment

In attendance

Dame Glenys Stacey	Chair, 2021 Committee
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173/20 Welcome and apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Lesley Davies.

174/20 Declarations of interest

There were no new declarations of interest.

176/20 Consultation Proposal: Awarding General Qualifications in summer 2021

The presentation outlined the high-level consultation proposal for awarding General Qualifications (GQs) in summer 2021. The Board noted the need for the consultation to be written in student-centric language to explain the technical terminology to ensure maximum engagement from as wide a range of stakeholders as possible. It was anticipated that there would be a large volume of responses.

177/20 Consultation Proposal: Awarding Vocational Qualifications in summer 2021

The presentation outlined the broad consultation proposals for awarding vocational and technical qualifications (VTQs) in summer 2021. The consultation would replicate the 2020 approach for Other General Qualifications similar in nature to GCSE and A levels. The consultation would propose that assessments should continue, where possible, for occupational competency.

178/20 Legal advice in relation to arrangements for 2021

A paper would be circulated by electronic business. **ACTION: DG/NF**

179/20 Any Other Business

An additional emergency board meeting would be convened on 13 January 2021 to agree the consultation document. **ACTION: NF**

There was no other business.

The meeting ended at 10.00am