

Ofqual Board

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Title:
Matters arising from past Board meetings

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Paper for information

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Issue

1. To update the Board on progress with actions/matters arising from past Board meetings.

Recommendation

2. The Board is recommended to note the position on past actions.

Background

3. The table below sets out actions agreed at past meetings of the Ofqual Board and progress/plans to achieve these:-

Date/Minute	Action	Update
76/16 25 January 2017	<u>Functional Skills Reform</u> It was agreed that a Committee would be established to consider recommendations	Ministerial Steer and Content awaited as at March 2017
77/16 25 January 2017	<u>Staff Survey Results</u> It was agreed more opportunities for the Board to meet the staff would be made available	The Board has been invited to the All Staff Away Day on 23 March 2017 A structured plan of how the Board could be more visible will be available at the May Board meeting
77/16 25 January 2017	<u>Staff Survey Results</u> It was commented by the Board that development of staff and the links to career	Talent Management process to be launched in May 2017

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	<p>progression should be addressed in a more systematic way. The COO responded that the talent management process which is being launched in the summer will strengthen these links.</p>	
<p>88/16 22 March 2017</p>	<p><u>VTQ/ Functional Skills</u></p> <p>The Board commented that as there are many qualifications it would be helpful to map out qualifications and provide how they fit in to the system, which level they are, and who/which career path they are targeted to.</p>	<p>Communications team to pull a diagram to explain this</p> <p>.</p> <p>It was agreed that the VTQ strategic relationships team would prepare a diagram for this to be circulated to Board members and used at the induction briefings for new members on 16 May</p>
<p>88/16 22 March 2017</p>	<p><u>NRT</u></p> <p>The Board asked if a Report on the National Reference Test (NRT) could be provided by NFER.</p>	<p>It was agreed that the NRT feedback would be tabled for the July meeting when a full operational report would be available and possibly the invitation could be extended to the NFER.</p>
<p>90/16</p>	<p><u>Regulating Apprenticeships</u></p> <p>The Board agreed to review the recognition process to become an awarding organisation specifically in relation to those wishing to provide Apprenticeship End Point Assessments. This might result in a narrower, proportionate process although the bar would remain as high.</p>	<p>A working group has been established to consider options that will be brought back to the July Board.</p>

Paper to be published	YES – after the meeting
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ANNEXES: NONE