

Ofqual Board

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Title:

Appointments to Board Committees

Report by:

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Responsible Director:

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Paper for decision

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Issue

1. To make appointments to the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee and the Standards Advisory Group.

Recommendation

2. The Board is recommended to:-
 - (i) appoint Dana Ross-Wawrzynski to the Audit and Risk Committee until her term of appointment to the Board finishes on 30 September 2016; and
 - (ii) appoint Alex Scharaschkin, Director of the AQA Centre For Education Research and Practice to the Standards Advisory Group until 21 May 2015.

Background

Audit and Risk Assurance Committee

3. The Board appointed Maggie Galliers to Chair the audit and Risk Assurance Committee in September 2014. The former Chair of the Committee, Philip Fletcher, remains on the Committee as an ordinary member but has indicated that he wishes to leave the Committee at the

next review of Committee membership that will be presented to the Board in May 2015. In order to give the new member time to get up to speed with the Committee it is proposed to appoint to the vacancy created now. Board members have been consulted and Dana Ross-Wawrzynski has indicated that she would like to join the Committee. The Board is asked to appoint Dana to the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee until her term of appointment to the Board finishes on 30 September 2016.

Standards Advisory Group

4. In January 2012 the Board established the Standards Advisory Group and it held its first meeting on 23 March 2012. The group is made up of board members and independent members with backgrounds in assessment.
5. Until she joined Ofqual Michelle Meadows represented AQA on the advisory group. It is recommended that Alex Scharaschkin, Director of the AQA Centre For Education Research is appointed to the group until 21 May 2015. This is the date when the appointment of all other independent members to the group expires and the membership is due for review.

Finance and Resource

6. Independent members of the Standards Advisory Group are entitled to claim an attendance allowance. This payment is included in the relevant budget.

Timescale

7. It is proposed that the changes take effect immediately for the periods set out in the paper.

Internal Stakeholders

8. Those staff with contact with the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee and the Standards Advisory Group, internal audit.

External Stakeholders

9. National Audit Office, other independent Standards Advisory Group members.

Paper to be published	YES
Publication date	After the meeting

ANNEXES LIST:-

NONE