Agenda

Ofqual Board – 48th Meeting

Date and Time:
Wednesday 3 December 2014 – 10:00 – 16:15

Venue:
Room 4, Spring Place, Herald Avenue, Coventry, CV5 6UB

62/14   *10:00* – **Welcome and apologies for absence**

63/14   **Declarations of Interest**

64/14   *10:05* – **Minutes** of the meeting held on 24 September and 17 October 2014 *(published in part)* **(attached)**

- **matters arising** from past meetings of the Board **(attached)** *(published)*

Reporting

65/14   *10:15* – **Chief Executive's Report**

Paper by the Chief Executive **(attached)** *(open)*

To note the paper and consider any issues arising from it.

11:15 – 11:30 – break

66/14 *11:30 –* **Chief Operating Officer's Report**

Paper by the Interim Chief Operating Officer **(attached)** *(open)*

To note the paper and consider any issues arising from it.

General Qualifications

67/14 *12:00 –* **General Qualifications Update**

Paper by the Executive Director for General Qualifications **(attached)** *(closed)*

To receive an update on general qualifcation matters.

12:20 – 13:20 lunch

68/14 *13:20 –* **National Reference Tests**

Paper by the National Reference Test Project Director **(attached)** *(closed – to be published after the contract has been awarded)*

To agree to proceed with the award of the National Reference Test contract and delegate the final decision on this matter to a Board Committee.

69/14 *13:50 –* **Content and assessment arrangements for reformed GCSE, AS and A level qualifications to be first taught in 2016**

Joint paper **(attached)** *(closed)*

To consider content and assessment arrangements for reformed GCSE, AS and A level qualifications to be first taught in 2016.

70/14 *14:10 –* **Recommendations for the conduct, marking and grading of spoken language skills in GCSE English Language**

Joint paper **(attached)** *(closed – to be published when all decisions have been taken)*

To take decision on the spoken component of GCSE English language qualifications.

Vocational Qualifications and Regulatory Policy

71/14 *14:30 –* **Vocational Qualifications Update**

Paper by the Executive Director for Vocational Qualifications **(attached)** *(closed)*

To receive an update on general qualifications matters.

14:50 – 15:05 - break

72/14 *15:05 –* **Withdrawing the Qualifications and Credit Framework Regulatory Arrangements**

Joint paper **(attached)** *(closed)*

To take decisions on the removal of the Qualifications and Credit Framework in the light of Ofqual's consultation on this matter

Governance

73/14 *15:30 –* **Annual Review of the Governance Framework and update on changes to Executive level governance arrangements**

Joint paper **(attached)** *(open)*

To agree the recommendations of the annual review of the Governance Framework.

74/14 *15:45 –* **Appointments to Committees**

Paper by the Board Secretariat Manager **(attached)** *(open)*

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

75/14 *15:50 –* **Report on the Work of Board Committees**

Paper by the Board Secretariat Manager **(attached in part/to follow)** *(closed)*

To receive an update on the work of Board Committees.

76/14 *16:00* – **Dates for Board and Committee meetings in 2015/16**

Paper by the Board Secretariat Manager **(attached)** *(open)*

To agree dates for Board and Committee meetings in the 2015/16 financial year.

77/14 **Publication of Papers**

To agree that the open papers for this board meeting should be published.

78/14 *16:10* – **Other Business**

To consider any items of other business.

79/14 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next board meeting will be on Wednesday 28 January 2014.

Attendees

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Tim Balcon

Ray Coughlin

Mike Cresswell

Philip Fletcher

Maggie Galliers

Anne Heal

Barnaby Lenon

Dana Ross-Wawrzynski

Amanda Spielman   Chair

Glenys Stacey

Roger Taylor

Tom Taylor

Neil Watts

Julius Weinberg

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Marc Baker	Acting Executive Director for General Qualifications
Jeremy Benson	Executive Director for Vocational Qualifications
Mike Bird	Interim Chief Operating Officer
Michelle Meadows	Executive Director for Strategy, Risk & Research
Natalie Prosser	Director of Legal
Alison Townsend	Board Secretariat Manager