

(i) Removal of reference to Northern Ireland Office and Northern Ireland Assembly

Due to the closure of the Northern Ireland Office and change of the remit of Ofqual's regulation these references have been removed throughout.

(ii) Changes to references from Chief Executive to Chief Regulator

The terms "Chief Executive" and "Chief Regulator" are used interchangeably throughout the Governance Framework. For consistency the term "Chief Executive" has been replaced with the term "Chief Regulator" throughout.

(iii) Minor drafting revisions to secure consistency of terminology.

4. For any period of time where no Chair is in post. Delegations made to the Chair pass to the Deputy Chair until such time as a new Chair is in post.
5. For completeness, although we expect a prompt appointment to the post of Ofqual Chair, in the unlikely event that no appointment can be made, more detailed interim arrangements are likely to be needed. The decisions on the individual who would formally act as interim Chair and the terms of any such appointment, including remuneration and working hours are decisions for the Secretary of State. Decisions on the extent and scope of duties and delegated responsibilities for any interim Chair are however decisions of the Board. Should a longer term interim arrangement become necessary, interim governance arrangements, including the possible appointment of an interim Deputy, would need to be considered and agreed by the Board.

Finance and Resource

6. Costs for this review and its implementation are limited to a small amount of staff time.

Impact Assessments

Equality Analysis

7. No impact.

Risk Assessment

8. No impact

Regulatory Impact Assessment

9. No impact.

Timescale

10. Changes will take effect immediately.

Communications

11. The revised Governance Framework will be published on the intranet and the external website

Paper to be published	YES
Publication date (if relevant)	After the meeting

ANNEXES LIST:-

ANNEX A Annotated Governance Framework