

Agenda

Ofqual Board – 70th Meeting

Date and Time:

Wednesday 20 September 2017 10:00 – 15:25

Venue:

Room 4, Spring Place, Herald Avenue, Coventry, CV5 6UB.

35/17 *10:00 - Closed Board Session*

36/17 *10:15 – Welcome and Apologies for absence*

37/17 **Declarations of interest**

38/17 *10:20 – Minutes of the meeting held on the 12 July 2017 (attached) (open)*

- **Matters arising** from past meetings of the Board (**attached**) (*open*)

Reporting

39/17 *10:30 – Chief Regulator’s Report*

Paper by the Chief Regulator (**attached**) (*closed*)

This section has been redacted, as its publication would be prejudicial to the effective conduct of public affairs.

40/17 **10:50 – General Qualifications Update**

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

The Board is recommended to note the updates reported and provide its views on the direction of travel for the review of teacher involvement in exam question setting.

41/17 **11.35 - Strategy, Risk and Research Update**

Paper by the Executive Director for Strategy, Risk and Research (**attached**) (*open*)

The Board is requested to consider the following;

- **The risks associated with Qualification Wales’s review of its Standard Conditions of Recognition;**
- **The outcomes of awards of Applied General external assessments;**
- **Our findings with regard to the quality of online training of markers of General Qualifications;**
- **Our findings with regard to the delivery of moderation for National Assessments.**

(i) Annex A – Strategic Risk Register (**attached**) (*closed*)

(ii) Annex C - Government announcements on the future of primary assessment (**attached**) (*closed*)

(ii) Demonstration - Single View Risk

12.15 – 13.00 Lunch

42/17 **13.00 – (a) Vocational and Technical Qualifications Update**

Paper by the Executive Director for Vocational and Technical Qualifications
(attached) *(open)*

The Board is requested to note the issues raised in the paper and agree to reactivate the reform committee with new members.

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43/17 **14:35 - Chief Operating Officer's Report**

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

The Board is requested to note the following;

- **The latest financial position as at the end of August 2017.**
- **the update on accommodation.**
- **the results of the recent Pulse Survey and;**
- **to authorise additional contractor spend.**

(i). Annex A – Summary of the Pulse Survey Results **(attached)**

(ii). Annex B Corporate Plan Tracker **(attached)**

Governance

44/17 **15:05 – Report on the work of Board committees**

Paper by the Interim Board Secretary **(attached)** *(closed)*

To receive an update on the work of Board Committees:

- Standards Advisory Group meeting held: 30 June **(attached)**
- Enforcement Committee meeting held: 18 August 2017 **(verbal update)**
- Finance Committee meeting held: 30 August **(verbal update)**
- Audit and Risk Assurance Committee meeting held: 6 September 2017 **(verbal update)**

45/17 **15:15 – Publication of Papers**

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

46/17 **15:20 – Other Business**

47/17 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next Board meeting will be on Wednesday 15 November 2017.

Attendees

Ofqual Board

Sally Collier
Mike Cresswell
Anne Heal
Hywel Jones
Barnaby Lenon
Christine Ryan
Terri Scott
Roger Taylor
Tom Taylor
Frances Wadsworth
David Wakefield
Neil Watts

Chair

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| Marc Baker | Chief Operating Officer |
| Phil Beach | Executive Director for Vocational and Technical Qualifications |
| Michelle Meadows | Executive Director – Strategy, Risk and Research |
| Julie Swan | Executive Director for General Qualifications |
| Salma Ahmed | Board Secretary |
| Natalie Prosser | Director of Legal |
| Clare Rowntree | Private Secretary |
| Tom Barcham | Senior Manager, Risk - For item 41/17(ii) only |
| Paul Bird | Associate Director, Finance – For item 43/17 only |
| Jim Busher | Senior Manager, Strategic Policy – For item 41/17(i) only |
| Michael Hanton | Associate Director Strategic Policy and Risk – For item 41/17(ii) only |
| Emma Leary | Associate Director VTQ Policy – For item 42/17(b)(i) – (v) only |

Observers

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PA to the Chief Regulator and Chair of Ofqual