

Agenda

Ofqual Board – 71st Meeting

Date and Time:

Wednesday 15 November 2017 10:00 – 14:20

Venue:

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

48/17 **10:00 - Closed Board Session**

49/17 **10:15 – Welcome and Apologies for absence**

50/17 **Declarations of interest**

51/17 **10:20 – Minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2017 (attached) (open)**

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

Reporting

52/17 **10:30 – Chief Regulator’s Report**

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

The Board is requested to note the matters reported in the paper

53/17 **10:50 – General Qualifications Update**

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

The Board is requested to;-

- (a) **Note the updates reported in the paper;**
- (b) **Delegate to the Chief Regulator a decision on whether to adopt the DfE's revised subject content for GCSE Biblical Hebrew into our regulatory framework.**
- (c) **Consider the options in relation to extra time and communicating with schools and colleges.**

- (i) Annex A: Letter to Robert Halfon

54/17 11.30 - Strategy, Risk and Research Update

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

The Board is requested to Note the direction of travel for the refreshed regulatory strategy, as discussed at the Board Strategy Day in October.

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

55/17 12.05 – 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 report and agree the direction of travel and principal risks associated with Ofqual's involvement in T Levels.

- (i) Annex A: T Level Concept Testing - Pye Tait
- (ii) Presentation: T Levels

12.50 – 13.35 Lunch

56/17 **13.35 - Chief Operating Officer's Report**

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

The Board is requested to note the matters reported in the paper.

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Governance

57/17 **13:55 – Report on the work of the Board committees**

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

To receive an update on the work of the Committees.

- Tom Taylor: Finance Committee meeting held: 30 August (**attached**)
- Anne Heal: Audit and Risk Assurance Committee meeting held: 6 September 2017 (**attached**)
- Roger Taylor: Standards Advisory Group meeting held: 27 October 2017 (**attached**)

58/17 **14:05 – Publication of Papers**

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

59/17 **14:15 – Other Business**

60/17 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next Board meeting will be on Wednesday 31 January 2018.

Attendees

Ofqual Board

Sally Collier

Anne Heal

Hywel Jones

Barnaby Lenon

Christine Ryan

Terri Scott

Roger Taylor

Chair

Tom Taylor

Frances Wadsworth

David Wakefield

Neil Watts

Apologies

Mike Cresswell

Ofqual

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

Paul Bird

Associate Director, Finance – **For item 56/17 only**

Jim Busher

Senior Manager, Strategic Policy – **For item 54/17(i) only**

Daniel Gutteridge

Associate Director Legal Establishment

Apologies

Natalie Prosser Director of Legal

Observers

Janet Holloway Associate Director Standards for Design, Development and
Evaluation of General Qualifications

Anona White PA to the Chief Regulator and Chair of Ofqual

Lucy Sydney Director of Strategic Relationships for VTQ