

# Agenda

## Ofqual Board – 72nd Meeting

**Date and Time:**

Wednesday 31 January 2018 10:00 – 16:00

**Venue:**

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

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**61/17**      **10:00 - Closed Board Session**

**62/17**      **10:15 – Welcome and Apologies for absence**

**63/17**      **Declarations of interest**

**64/17**      **10:20 – Minutes of the meeting held on 15 November 2017 (attached) (open)**

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

**Reporting**

**65/17**      **10:30 – Chairman’s Stakeholder Feedback**

Update by the Chair of Ofqual (**verbal update**)

**66/17**      **10:40 - Chief Regulator’s Report**

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

**The Board is recommended to note the matters reported in the paper.**

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

**11:20 – 11:35 Break**

**68/17 11:35 – General Qualifications Update**

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

**The Board is recommended to note the updates in the paper.**

**Teacher involvement in developing exam papers and other confidential assessments Report**

- b. Papers by the Executive Director for General Qualifications **(attached)**  
*(open)*

**The Board is recommended to:**

- a. **consider and comment on the proposed policy;**
  - b. **delegate authority to the Chief Regulator, in consultation with the Chair, to agree the form and content of the consultation on the policy;**
  - c. **delegate authority to the Chief Regulator, in consultation with the Chair, to agree the form and content of a subsequent consultation on the draft guidance and amendments to the Conditions.**
- (i) Annex A: Interim Report **(attached)**
  - (ii) Annex B: International Perspective **(attached)**
  - (iii) Annex C: Call for Evidence Findings **(attached)**
  - (iv) Annex D: Interviews with Teacher Examiners: Executive Summary **(attached)**

**69/17 12.15 Strategy, Risk and Research Update**

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

**The Board is recommended to;-**

- a. **note the issues raised in the report,**
- b. **provide initial comment on the proposed goals and priorities for 2018/19 as presented in Annex A for internal consumption , and subsequently presented in the published Corporate Plan to be reviewed at the February Strategy Day.**

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### **Consultation outcome on updating the Regulatory Framework for National Assessments**

- b. Paper by the Director for Regulation of National Assessments **(attached)** (*open*)

- (ii). Annex B: Proposed Regulatory Framework for National Assessments **(attached)**

**The Board is requested to agree that;-**

- a. **we publish our updated version of our *Regulatory Framework for National Assessments* to replace the version published in 2011;**
- b. **we make some minor amendments to wording within our Framework to provide greater clarity – but do not change the approach consulted on (see Annex B for proposed Framework as consulted on)**
- c. **our revised framework should take effect from when it is published in spring 2018;**
- d. **the final form, content and implementation of the updated *Regulatory Framework for National Assessments* should be approved by the Chief Regulator**

**12:45 – 13.15 Lunch**

**70/17**

**13.15 – Vocational and Technical Qualifications Update**

a. 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:-**

- a. our response to the Department's T Level consultation (Annex)
- b. to delegate to the Reform Committee, if required, approval of our Functional Skills technical consultation (paragraphs 6 and 7).
- c. our consultation on Apprenticeships Conditions and Guidance (separate paper).
- d. our regulatory approach to Applied General Qualifications (Paragraphs 14-20)

**14.10 - Conditions and Guidance for Apprenticeship End Point Assessments (EPAs)**

b. Paper by the Associate Director for VTQ policy and Senior Manager Regulation Development and Impact **(attached)** (*closed*)

**The Board is requested to;-**

- a. agree that we consult on implementing the approach set out in this paper;
- b. delegate sign-off for the final form of the proposals and consultation to the Chief Regulator and Chair.

(i) Annex A: Overview of Apprenticeships **(attached)**

**71/17**

**14.45 - Chief Operating Officer's Report**

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

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## **Governance**

### **72/17 15:25 – (a) 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.**

- (i) Tom Taylor: Finance Committee meeting held: 23 November 2017 (**attached**)
- (ii) Roger Taylor: Reform Committee Skype meeting held: 8 January 2018 (**attached**)
- (iii) Anne Heal: Audit and Risk Assurance Committee meeting held 16 January 2018 (**verbal update**)

### **73/17 15:40 – Publication of Papers**

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

### **74/17 15:50 – Other Business**

#### **2018/19 Ofqual Board and Committee dates**

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

**The Board is recommended to approve the 2018/19 proposed meeting dates for the Ofqual Board and its Committees.**

### **75/17 Date of Next Meeting**

The next Board meeting will be on Wednesday 28 March 2018.

## 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

Chair

### Ofqual

Salma Ahmed	Board Secretary
Marc Baker	Chief Operating Officer
Phil Beach	Executive Director for Vocational and Technical Qualifications
Paul Bird	Associate Director, Finance
Jim Busher	Senior Manager, Strategic Policy – <b>for item 56/17(ii) only</b>
Kate Evans	Associate Director for Digital – <b>for item 58/17(ii) only</b>
Michael Hanton	Associate Director for Strategic Policy and Risk – <b>for item 56/17(i) only</b>
Emma Leary	Associate Director for VTQ Policy - <b>for item 57/17b</b>
Michelle Meadows	Executive Director for Strategy, Risk and Research
Naomi Nicholson	Director, Regulation of National Assessments – <b>for item 56/17(iii) only</b>
Natalie Prosser	Director of Legal
Jan Roszkowski	Chief Information Officer - <b>for item 58/17(ii) only</b>

Julie Swan

Executive Director for General Qualifications

Anona White

Private Secretary to the Chief Regulator

## **Observers**

Steve Hickmott

Senior Manager – Regulation Development & Impact

Murray Naish

Senior Manager Policy, General Qualifications Policy