

**Minutes of the Board**  
**11 June 2019**

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**Present**

Julius Weinberg (Chair)  
Amanda Spielman (HMCI)  
Kathryn August  
John Cridland  
Pamela Scriven  
Venessa Willms

**Apologies**

John Hughes

**Also in attendance**

Matthew Coffey (Chief Operating Officer)  
Louise Grainger (Director, Finance, Planning and Commercial)  
Sean Harford (National Director, Education)  
Emma Ing (Regional Director, East Midlands)  
Chris Jones (Director, Corporate Strategy)  
Yvette Stanley (National Director, Social Care)  
Kate Dixon (Department for Education observer)

**Status:** Approved

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## **1 Welcome, apologies and declarations of interest**

- 1.1 The Chair noted apologies from John Hughes.
  - 1.2 No new interests were declared.
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## **2 Minutes, matters arising, action log and forward look**

- 2.1 The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed without amendments.
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## **3 Update from Her Majesty's Chief Inspector (HMCI)**

- 3.1 HMCI presented her update and noted that:
    - the new framework and handbooks were positively received. Three-quarters of respondents to our consultation supported the introduction of the new key judgements for quality of education, behaviour and attitudes and personal development.
    - we are undertaking a review of our regulatory work, considering the purposes of regulation and the role we play in the wider context.
    - We undertook a short study assessing whether to retain our current grading system within education. The arguments for change did not outweigh the arguments for keeping the current system, in which parental trust is high.
  - 3.2 The Board discussed with HMCI her experience of visiting international inspectorates and agreed it would be helpful to schedule a discussion at a future Board meeting to discuss what HMCI had learnt.
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## **4 Update from the Chief Operating Officer**

- 4.1 The Chief Operating Officer presented his report to the board and noted that:
    - Spending review discussions with Treasury and DfE will take place in July.
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## **5 Update from the National Director, Social Care**

- 5.1 The National Director, Social Care presented her update and noted that:
  - A review of the impact of our JTAIs is being planned, with the aim of producing a published report in early 2020. The review will look at the

outcomes expected from JTAs, including changes in national discourse and policy, and improved multi-agency approaches.

- We are exploring with DfE whether local authorities can be given powers to take over the running of children's homes that might otherwise be closed for a short period until suitable, alternative places for the children can be found.
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## **6 Update from the National Director, Education**

6.1 The National Director, Education presented his update and noted that:

- We are discussing the monitoring arrangements Ofsted undertakes in relation to the DfE's remaining approved inspectorate, the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI). The current arrangements do not enable us to provide assurance on the inspection activities of ISI, and our preference is to increase our monitoring activity.
  - DfE published a consultation seeking views on legislation to establish a register of children not attending school, together with associated duties on parents and proprietors of certain educational establishments.
  - The Augar review recommended that 'Ofsted should become the lead responsible body for inspecting apprenticeships at all levels.'
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## **7 Update from the Director, Corporate Strategy**

7.1 The Director, Corporate Strategy, presented the Corporate Strategy update and noted that:

- Work to support the EIF consultation, including briefing the media and stakeholders about the final framework and handbooks, helped to encourage a strong response to the EIF consultation.
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## **8 Strategic Risk Register**

8.1 The Board reviewed and noted the Strategic Risk Register.

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## **9 Finance Report**

9.1 The board noted the finance report. There is no risk to parliamentary control totals.

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## **10 Audit and Risk Assurance Committee update**

- 10.1 The verbal update provided on the EIF readiness internal audit was positive.
  - 10.2 The Chair of the Committee informed the Board of the NAO's justification for including an unadjusted extrapolated misstatement within the Audit Completion Report.
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## **11 Annual Report and Accounts**

- 11.1 Audit and Risk Assurance Committee comments on the draft Annual Report and Accounts had been incorporated. The Committee was content to recommend to the Board that HMCI sign the accounts.
  - 11.2 The Board were therefore content to recommend that HMCI sign the Annual Report and Accounts.
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## **12 Teaching about and promoting respect for LGBT people and relationships: school inspections**

- 12.1 The Board discussed the issue of what children should be taught about LGBT people and relationships at school, and the recent public debate around this. The Board supported the stance of the Executive in supporting the teaching of age-appropriate material to children, in line with the public sector equalities duty.
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## **13 Corporate Governance Framework**

- 13.1 There was insufficient time to discuss the Corporate Governance Framework in detail. The Chair deferred this item until the Board's next meeting.
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## **14 AOB**

- 14.1 No further business was raised.

*Meeting closed.*

## **ACTION LOG**

There are currently no outstanding actions.