



# Report from the Quality Assessment Committee

## Issue

1. The board is kept informed of the work of its Quality Assessment Committee (QAC) by receiving a report on the outcomes of each meeting. The attached report summarises the outcomes of the QAC meeting held on 9 December 2021. This report will be supplemented by an oral report given by the chair of the committee.

## Recommendations

2. The board is invited to receive the report of the Quality Assessment Committee.

## Further information

3. Available from Simon Levine.

## Quality Assessment Committee report, December 2021

### Quality and standards consultation update

4. The committee received a paper and presentation which set out progress with the current consultation on regulating quality and standards.
5. The committee noted that the OfS had engaged with sector representative bodies during the consultation period. It suggested this type of engagement will be important in developing their perception and understanding of the regulatory environment to enable them to support their members.
6. The committee noted that it will have the opportunity to read the final version of the consultation analysis and policy proposals before final approval is sought from the decision maker.

### Student Outcomes (B3) and TEF consultations

7. The committee received a presentation on the forthcoming consultation on the regulation of student outcomes which is due to be published in early 2022.
8. The committee received a presentation on the TEF consultation that is due to be published in early 2022.

### Exempt from publication

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### Update on the Triennial Review of the Designated Quality Body

13. The committee received a paper providing an update on progress and emerging findings of the triennial review of the DQB.
14. Exempt from publication
15. Exempt from publication

### Joint statement on UK-wide approach to regulating quality and standards

16. The committee received a paper providing an update about ongoing work with the funder/regulator bodies in the devolved nations to develop a joint statement setting out the UK-wide approach to regulation of higher education, with a focus on quality and standards.

### Assessment of spelling, punctuation and grammar

17. The committee received the final report that the OfS published in October 2021 following a review of policies on spelling, punctuation, and grammar in written assessment at a small number of providers.

**Future committee meetings**

18. The next meeting will take place on 16 February 2022.