

Report from the Quality Assessment Committee

Board's primary role in relation to this paper:

- ☐ A. Set strategy
- ☐ B. Set risk appetite
- ☒ C. Oversee performance
- ☐ D. Understand context

Purpose

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. This report summarises the outcomes of the QAC meeting held on 21 May 2025.

Recommendations

2. The board is invited to receive the report of the committee.

Discussion of degree awarding powers applications

3. The Head of Degree Awarding Powers and University Title presented two cases to the committee on 21 May 2025.
4. Exempt from publication.

Discussion on proposals for an integrated approach to quality assessments

5. The Head of Student Outcomes briefed members on updated proposals for an integrated approach to quality, having last discussed the topic with the committee in January 2025. He presented revised thinking, including two possible options for the presentation of outcomes. A high-level consultation on the revised approach will take place during the autumn of 2025.
6. The committee discussed the two options for how ratings could be presented – the first being a more TEF-style aspect system and the second being a more extensive dashboard of ratings. Members expressed an interest in a system more along the lines of option one, emphasising the value of understandable ratings for prospective students. While the committee preferred option one, members expressed support for consulting on both options.

Paper publication

7. To be published with the board papers with appropriate redactions.