



# Report from the Quality Assessment Committee

## 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 6 March 2023.

## Recommendations/Decisions required by the board

2. The board is invited to receive the report.

## Further information

3. Available from Simon Levine.

## **Delivery of quality assessment investigations**

4. The committee was updated on the OfS's ongoing work to deliver quality assessments including our programme of quality investigations. Attention was drawn to the progress being made in relation to the recruitment of expert academic assessors, the work to ensure a smooth transition of the final outstanding assessments of providers by the DQB, and the handling of communications with the sector and individual providers around the transition to the OfS performing all of the quality and standards functions from April 2023.

## **QAC's future role in providing advice about the degree awarding powers**

5. A paper outlining a proposed future role for the Quality Assessment Committee in providing advice on assessments for degree awarding powers (DAPs) was presented. It was reported that potential changes would necessitate formal changes to the OfS scheme of delegation about QAC's role. There would then be amendment to the Committee Rules of Procedure to reflect the committee's new role. There will also be expansion of the committee's current membership and this will be considered alongside planned recruitment later this year.
6. The committee discussed the guidance and training the committee members will require to undertake this new role. The committee members agreed that they would find training on the technical aspects of the DAPs assessments helpful, but the training should also focus on the scope of the advice that is required and on how the committee can add value to the assessment process.
7. It was noted that one member serves on both the Provider Risk Committee (PRC) and QAC and there was a question about whether this would continue to be appropriate, as at a future point, the QAC membership may be asked to provide advice to the PRC. The executive will consider that further.