

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 29 April 2024.

Recommendations

2. The board is invited to:
 - a. Receive the report of the committee.

Update on degree awarding powers

3. The Head of Degree Awarding Powers and University Title presented a timetable of upcoming degree awarding powers (DAPs) cases and a proposed meeting schedule for 2024.

Discussion of degree awarding powers applications

4. The committee discussed the process of forming its advice for the first substantive degree awarding powers case.
5. The committee also discussed its general views on the quality and approach of the report. Members considered that the report was clear and accessible, and managed to present a high volume of complex information in a digestible way. Members considered that technical aspects were appropriately explained for a lay audience and that the clear structure of the report helped readers navigate the content. Members took the view that the report was particularly successful where it focused on the outcomes achieved by the provider's policies and processes, e.g. what actually happened in practice at the provider, and encouraged the OfS to continue to focus on that approach as more reports are finalised.

Paper publication

6. To be published with the board papers.