

HEFCW Quality Assessment Committee

1. Constitution

- 1.1 A Committee of the Council to be known as the Quality Assessment Committee (the Committee) established with the following Terms of reference and standing orders by a resolution of the Council dated 20 September 2018.

2. Terms of reference

- 2.1 To undertake the Council's statutory responsibilities in respect of quality assessment arising from the Further and Higher Education Act 1992 and the Higher Education (Wales) Act 2015.
- 2.2 To keep arrangements for assessing the quality of higher education under review and, where appropriate, work with others to establish new or revised arrangements.
- 2.3 To consider any matters referred to the Committee by the Council.
- 2.4 To report annually to Council on the quality of provision.

3. Standing Orders

- 3.1 The standard HEFCW Committee Standing Orders shall apply, including ensuring advice is given in accordance with the principles and goals of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

4. Membership and attendance

- 4.1 The Committee shall comprise up to 10 members. The Committee will be chaired by a Council member.
- 4.2 One member of the Committee must be a person who appears to HEFCW to represent the interests of persons being provided with higher education in Wales.
- 4.3 Of the other members of the Committee, a majority must be persons who are not members of HEFCW and a majority must be persons who appear to HEFCW to have experience of, or to have shown capacity in, the provision of higher education.
- 4.4 The quorum for Committee members is 5 members, including the Chair or their nominee. More than half of the members present need to have experience of, or to have shown capacity in, the provision of higher education.
- 4.5 The Director of Policy and Funding shall normally attend the meetings of the Committee.
- 4.6 A member of the Policy and Funding Directorate shall service the Committee.
- 4.7 There shall normally be three meetings per year [subject to review].

5. Authority

5.1 The Committee is an advisory body with no executive powers

Composition of the Quality Assessment Committee

Members

Council

- 1 Member of Council (Chair)
- Member of Student Opportunities and Achievement Committee
- 1 Member of Council

Appointments Committee appointees to have experience of, or have shown capacity in, the provision of higher education. These Members should not be current providers of higher education in Wales.

- Up to 6 Members from a range of higher education providers

Nominees of person to represent the interests of persons being provided with HE in Wales

- National Union of Students Wales

Observers

- Universities Wales
- Colleges Wales

Officers

- Director of Policy and Funding
- Head of Student Experience