

Minutes of the 36th Meeting of the English UK Main Board

Held at: Hilton London Metropole Hotel, 225 Edgware Road, London W2 1JU

Date: Monday 5 September 2011

Present: Sue Edwards (chair), John Barnett, Sarah Cooper, Richard Day, Kevin McNally, Steve Phillips, Graham Simpson and Shane Wilkinson

Constitutional business

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Michael Cornes and Jane Dancaster. Caroline Hugo called during the meeting to apologise for travel difficulties that morning.

2. Extra-ordinary meeting

The Board noted that this was to be an extra-ordinary meeting and a non-standard agenda.

3. Declaration of interests

No member made a declaration of interest in the business of the meeting.

4. Co-option to the Board

It was agreed to co-opt Sarah Schechter to the Board as a representative of state sector higher education, which the Board currently lacks. The co-option will be until the 2012 AGM, when Sarah will be eligible to stand for election to the Board.

5. Educational Oversight arrangements

TM updated the Board on meetings with ISI, which had proved unfruitful because ISI declines to recognize the distinctive nature of the ELT sector and believes that it can inspect any provision using a generic framework. The central issue remains the process by which ISI was appointed, and how Accreditation UK can access the same process. MPs are being asked to write to John Hayes, the Minister with joint responsibility at BIS and Education for post-compulsory education. Penningtons continue to probe the position of ISI and UKBA on accreditation.

6. Date of the October Board meeting

It was agreed to move the October Board meeting date from 20 to 25. Subsequently this date proved to be problematic and was changed again, following a Doodle poll of the Board, to 17 November.

There was no other business and the meeting concluded at 13.40.