**Credit & Qualifications Framework for Wales (CQFW) Advisory Group**

**Terms of Reference**

**Overall Purpose:**

1. To review and evaluate on an annual basis how the CQFW as a functional framework is meeting its objectives:

The **CQFW:**

* **IS** an enabling tool in relation to Welsh Government’s economic and skills policies and goals
* **OFFERS** a national qualifications framework for learners in Wales of all ages and abilities
* **PROVIDES** a common currency for learning achievement
* **SUPPORTS** the recognition of credit and qualifications across all levels, enabling learners to progress
* **FACILITATES** providers to articulate pathways of progression that are easily understood and are transferable and consistent within Europe and the wider International community

1. To identify and discuss issues where agreement on Wales/UK wide strategy ownership/impact may need consideration, and where efficiency savings may be made by joint working.

**Role/Remit:**

The CQFW Advisory Group will:

1. Review and evaluate the Operational Objectives for the current year – published on **gov.wales/cqfw**.
2. Advise the Welsh Government on:

* The appropriateness, value and benefits of the CQFW.
* The alignment to and dependencies on other frameworks (including the EQF and Bologna agreement) by working with internal/external partners.
* The resource, budgetary and reputational implications of the CQFW for the Welsh Government or other partners;
* Raising levels of understanding and the profile of the CQFW by simplifying its scope and utilising existing electronic communication and marketing mechanisms.

1. Consider and agree the operational objectives for the following year.
2. Suggest improvements to the CQFW.

**Membership \***

Partnership Members:

Welsh Government (Chair)

Higher Education Funding Council for Wales (HEFCW) – With effect from April 2024 the new Commission for Tertiary Education and Research in Wales (CTER) will become responsible for strategy, funding and oversight of higher education in Wales, and will replace HEFCW as partner.

Qualifications Wales

Wider Stakeholders:

Adult Community Learning Network

Careers Wales

Colegau Cymru

Department for Work and Pensions

Federation of Awarding Bodies (Wales)

National Training Federation for Wales

Health Education and Improvement Wales (HEIW)

NUS Wales

Skills, Higher Education and Lifelong Learning, Welsh Government

Social Care Wales

Universities Wales

Welsh Local Government Association

*\*Members to nominate a deputy (with decision making powers) if they are unable to attend meetings.*

**Frequency of Meetings**

To meet twice yearly

Terms of Reference to be reviewed on an annual basis

V11 – 20/10/23