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1. Purpose

Waterford and Wexford Education and Training Board (WWETB) is committed to the development of an appropriate quality assurance governance structure to oversee the activity associated with its education and training provision to ensure quality, integrity, transparency and accountability.

2. Scope

This policy statement covers the governance arrangements for all further education and training provision including that delivered by affiliated second providers.

3. Definitions

FET

WWETB's further education and training provision.

WWETB Board

This refers to the established public committee with the duty of general oversight and guidance in terms of the responsibilities of Waterford & Wexford Education and Training Board, its members and stakeholders.

Governance

This refers to the structures and processes that are designed to ensure accountability, transparency, responsiveness, oversight, stability, equity and inclusiveness, empowerment, and broad-based participation.

Quality

This refers to the assurance of a high-level of service in FET provision incorporating consistency, integrity, transparency and excellence.



4. Policy Statement

Waterford and Wexford Education and Training Board (WWETB) commits to the formation and maintenance of an appropriate governance structure to manage and oversee all activity associated with the provision of further education and training opportunities in the regions of Waterford and Wexford.

The governance structure will ensure appropriate separation of duties and a shared oversight of all elements of business including funding, planning, recruitment and delivery.

The governance structure will align its oversight responsibilities with the organisation's mission and strategy statements.

The governance structure will consider and manage factors to mitigate risk to the organisation and its members. This includes and factors that may harm or bring the organisation to disrepute, or cause harm to any of its stakeholders including learners and staff.

The organisation commits to providing a quality service by establishing a governance system and structure for the management of quality assurance. The quality assurance oversight body will engage in a process of self-monitoring as well as formal evaluation of WWETB's further education and training provision when required. The quality assurance oversight body will report to WWETB management.

5. Review and Update

This policy statement will be reviewed within two years of approval. The supplementary FET policies, procedures and guides which emanate from this statement will be reviewed as appropriate by the quality assurance oversight body and FET management in turn.