

## ECM Outcome for WM Working Group

Following the Extraordinary Council Meeting (ECM) held on Thursday 10 July 2025, where CTSI's Council considered the recommendations submitted by the Weights and Measures (W&M) Working Group. This message provides an overview of the decisions confirmed by Council.

The W&M Working Group was set up to undertake a full review of how weights and measures are delivered through CTSI's Qualification Framework (QF) to the Trading Standards profession. The aim was to ensure that qualifications and training remain relevant, future-focused, and flexible - and continues to work well across all nations and regions of the UK. Member feedback was an important part of the group's work and helped shape the recommendations.

Following detailed debate, CTSI's Council confirmed the following outcomes:

### 1. Two-Tier Model

After broad and dedicated discussion, CTSI's Council voted **not** to adopt the proposed two-tier model. The weights and measures qualification will remain as a single unit, rather than being split into 'basic' and 'higher' levels.

The ECM gave all Council members the opportunity to share their branch or section's views in an open and transparent forum. It was clear from the discussion that expectations and operational needs around weights and measures can vary across the UK. However, the debate also highlighted a shared recognition of the need for **stability and certainty** in this element of the qualification — alongside a commitment to ongoing **process improvements** within the wider Qualification Framework.

### 2. Qualifications and Training

Council agreed that the Weights and Measures portfolio should be **robustly reviewed** to ensure it remains current - with particular attention given to modern technological developments. This review will be progressed by the CTSI Executive but **will not impact students currently within the Qualification Framework**. Timelines for this work will be confirmed in due course.

### 3. Training Opportunities

Council voted for CTSI to take a more coordinated approach in signposting training and resources - ensuring that all trainees and learners are kept well-informed of Weights and Measures opportunities, including those provided by OPSS and UKWF.

#### 4. Regional Working

CTSI will begin engaging with stakeholders including the devolved nations, regional groups, and OPSS to explore greater regional collaboration. This includes opportunities for **sharing officer expertise, physical resources, and training activities**. The Executive will begin coordinating this work and identifying potential participants.

#### 5. Sharing Good Practice

Council strongly supported the recommendation to facilitate **cross-authority and regional sharing of good practice** in Weights and Measures. The CTSI Executive will now take this forward, helping to encourage and enable similar initiatives that benefit both students and local authorities.

#### 6. Collaboration with OPSS

CTSI's Council has asked CTSI's Executive (Head Office) team to open discussions with key stakeholders about the potential introduction of a **Code of Practice for local authority Weights and Measures**. This work will begin over the coming months and will return to Council for further deliberation in the autumn.

The ECM concluded with clear direction and confirmed actions for the CTSI Executive to take forward. We also confirm that the Qualification Framework undergoes a full independent review every five years - with the next review cycle due to commence in **2027**.

In addition, CTSI remains committed to supporting apprenticeship schemes across the UK. Further guidance on how apprenticeships map to the Qualification Framework can be found in the [Qualifications Resources](#) section of the website.

Finally, the CTSI Chair and Vice Chair would like to sincerely thank the W&M Working Group members for their **time, insight, and commitment** throughout this important review. Their contribution has been invaluable in helping shape the future of this key area.

Kind regards

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