

Dearbhú Cáilíochta agus Cáilíochtaí Éireann

Quality and Qualifications Ireland

APPROVALS AND REVIEWS COMMITTEE

Note of the eighth meeting of the QQI Approvals and Reviews Committee, held in the **QQI Boardroom, 26-27 Denzille Lane, Dublin 2 on Wednesday 13 July 2016 at 11:00 a.m.**

Present:

Dr Kevin Ryan (Chair)
Dr Martin Lyes
Mr Maurice Buckley
Ms Una Buckley
Dr Trish O'Brien
Ms Colette Harrison

In attendance:

Ms Gráinne Power, Secretary
Mr Walter Balfe

Apologies:

Mr Jack Leahy
Ms Marie Kehoe-O'Sullivan

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Committee APPROVED the agenda for this meeting and confirmed that there were no conflicts of interest in relation to any of the items of business before the committee. The Committee were INFORMED that Colette Harrison would be withdrawing from the meeting for item 5.1 and Walter Balfe would present.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee APPROVED the Minutes of the ARC Meeting held on 06 April 2016.

3. NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee APPROVED the Note of the ARC meeting held on 06 April 2016 for publication to the QQI website.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no Matters Arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 06 April 2016.

5. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROCEDURES

5.1 Approval of Draft Quality Assurance Procedures: DCM Learning

Walter Balfe joined the meeting to present this item.

Following discussion, the Committee noted the recommendation of the Quality and Capacity Evaluation Panel and APPROVED the draft Quality Assurance procedures of DCM Learning, subject to the QQI Executive satisfying itself that DCM Learning has met the conditions, as outlined in Part 6 of the Quality and Capacity Evaluation Panel report. Thereafter, DCM Learning is approved to progress to Stage 2 of the access to initial programme validation process.

6. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROCEDURES

6.1 Approval of Draft Quality Assurance Procedures: Applicant Provider

Walter Balfe outlined the background to the application and the outcome of the panel visit. The Committee were ADVISED that the new QQI Guidelines for quality assurance were available to the provider prior to applying. The Committee requested, for the future, that they be made aware of any new Guidelines.

Following discussion, the Committee noted the recommendation of the Quality and Capacity Evaluation Panel and AGREED (unanimously) that the Committee were NOT in a position to APPROVE the draft Quality Assurance procedures of the Applicant Provider at this time. Thereafter, the Applicant Provider is NOT APPROVED to progress to Stage 2 of the access to initial programme validation process.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no further business

The Chair closed the meeting.

Chair: _____

Date: _____