

PROGRAMMES AND AWARDS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (PAEC)

Wednesday 25 January, 2017, 10:30am
Boardroom, QQI Offices, 26-27 Denzille Lane, Dublin 2

Note of the twenty third meeting of the QQI Programmes and Awards Executive Committee held in QQI offices, 26/27 Denzille Lane, Dublin 2 on **Wednesday 25 January, 2017 at 10:30am**

Present:

Dr Pdraig Walsh (Chairperson)
Ms Barbara Kelly
Ms Angela Lambkin
Dr Bryan Maguire
Ms Karena Maguire
Mr John O'Connor
Dr Deirdre Stritch
Ms Andrina Wafer

In attendance:

Ms Therese Masterson (Key Executive)
Ms Janet Cawley (Secretary)
Mr Walter Balfe

1. SECTION 46 REVIEW OF VALIDATED PROGRAMMES

The Committee noted the documentation circulated and the detailed verbal report regarding the review of validated programmes under Section 46 of the Qualifications and Quality Assurance (Education and Training) Act 2012 at a provider.

Dr Deirdre Stritch, the member of the QQI Executive who was secretary to the expert panel, withdrew from the discussion at this point.

The Committee APPROVED the recommendation of the Review Team to withdraw validation of the following programmes offered by the provider leading to QQI awards:

- Certificate in Business, Level 6
- Higher Certificate in Business, Level 6
- Bachelor of Business (1-year add on), Level 7
- Bachelor of Business (3-year ab-initio), Level 7
- Bachelor of Business (Honours) (1-year add on), Level 8
- Bachelor of Business (Honours) (4-year ab-initio), Level 8

As the withdrawal of programme validation is a reserved function of the Board of QQI, the recommendation of the PAEC is referred to the QQI Board for DECISION at its meeting on Friday 10 February 2017.

The Committee NOTED that should the Board accept the recommendation to withdraw validation of programmes, it will also determine the timing of such a withdrawal. The provider will be given formal notice of this decision and will have one month within which to make observations in relation to the reasons for the proposed withdrawal. If, following consideration of such observations, the Authority continues to consider that validation should be withdrawn, formal notification of withdrawal will be issued to the provider. The provider may appeal this decision.