

Dearbhú Cáilíochta agus Cáilíochtaí Éireann

Quality and Qualifications Ireland

APPROVALS AND REVIEWS COMMITTEE

Notes of the seventh meeting of the QQI Approvals and Reviews Committee, held in the **QQI Boardroom, 26-27 Denzille Lane, Dublin 2 on Wednesday 06 April 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:

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.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee APPROVED, subject to a clarification about Dr Lyes vacating the chair for item 6, the Minutes of the ARC Meeting held on 05 February 2016.

3. NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee APPROVED, subject to a clarification about Dr Lyes vacating the chair for item 6, the Note of the ARC meeting held on 05 February 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 05 February 2016.

5. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROCEDURES

6.1 Approval of Quality Assurance Procedures: Applicant provider

Prior to considering the report of the Quality and Capacity Evaluation Panel and the observations on that report submitted by the applicant provider, the committee clarified the text of the Explanatory Memorandum to make clear that the QQI Executive is recommending to the committee to accept the recommendation of the Quality and Capacity Evaluation Panel report.

The committee discussed the panel's report and the observations submitted by the applicant provider. The footnotes on page 14 added by the Chair of the panel in response to the observations were noted.

The Committee noted the recommendation of QQI executive and refused to approve the draft Quality Assurance procedures of the applicant provider at this time. The Committee noted the recommendations in Part 6 of the Quality and Capacity Evaluation Panel's report, which the applicant provider must take account of should it resubmit its draft Quality Assurance procedures for evaluation. This is in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 30 of the Qualifications and Quality Assurance (Education and Training) Act 2012.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no further business

The Chair closed the meeting.