

Dearbhú Cáilíochta agus Cáilíochtaí Éireann

Quality and Qualifications Ireland

APPROVALS AND REVIEWS COMMITTEE

Note of the seventeenth meeting of the QQI Approvals and Reviews Committee, held in the **Ground Floor Meeting Room, 26-27 Denzille Lane, Dublin 2 on Thursday 20 September 2018 at 2:00 pm**

Present:

Dr Kevin Ryan (Chair)
Dr Ailsa Crum
Ms Geraldine Larkin
Dr Martin Lyes
Ms Colette Harrison
Professor Irene Sheridan
Ms Mary Sheridan

In attendance:

Ms Gráinne Power, Secretary
Mr Walter Balfe
Dr Ross Woods

Apologies

Mr Oisín Hassan
Ms Marie Kehoe-O'Sullivan

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Executive requested an amendment to withdraw Item No. 5 from the circulated agenda for this meeting. The Committee approved the amended 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 the Minutes of the ARC Meeting held on 19 July 2018 subject to the following change *"The Chair welcomed Dr Ailsa Crum and Mr Oisín Hassan to their first meeting of the Committee"*.

3. NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee approved the Note of the ARC meeting held on 19 July 2018.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

5. This agenda item was withdrawn.

6. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROCEDURE

6.1 Approval of Draft Quality Assurance Procedures: Applicant Provider

Walter Balfe joined the meeting to present this item.

Following discussion, the Committee noted the recommendation of the QQI Executive (A17/6.1) based on the recommendation of the Quality and Capacity Evaluation Panel report (A17/6.2). The Committee accepted the recommendation of the QQI Executive to refuse to approve, with recommendations, the draft Quality Assurance Procedures of the Applicant Provider. The Committee requested that the Executive seek clarification on the legal status of this Provider.

7. **QUALITY ASSURANCE PROCEDURES**

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8. **CINNTE INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW REPORTS – APPROVAL TO PUBLISH**

Ross Woods joined the meeting to present this item.

The Committee noted the request of the QQI Executive (A17/8.1) to accept their recommendation to publish the final reports of the cyclical reviews of Institute of Technology, Sligo and Letterkenny Institute of Technology. Following lengthy discussion, the Committee deferred a decision pending the submission of the Institutional responses to the individual reports.

9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Committee agreed the following dates for meetings for the remainder of 2018:

Tuesday 23 October 2018 at 11.00 am in QQI Offices

Thursday 13 December 2018 at 11.00 am in QQI Offices