

Dearbhú Cáilíochta agus Cáilíochtaí Éireann

Quality and Qualifications Ireland

APPROVALS AND REVIEWS COMMITTEE

Note of the fifteenth meeting of the QQI Approvals and Reviews Committee, held in the **QQI Boardroom, 26-27 Denzille Lane, Dublin 2 on Thursday 24 May 2018 at 11:00 am**

Present:

Dr Kevin Ryan (Chair)
Ms Marie Kehoe-O'Sullivan
Dr Martin Lyes
Ms Geraldine Larkin
Ms Colette Harrison
Professor Irene Sheridan
Ms Mary Sheridan

In attendance:

Ms Gráinne Power, Secretary
Mr Walter Balfe

Apologies

Dr Ailsa Crum
Mr Oisín Hassan

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 welcomed Professor Irene Sheridan to her first meeting of the Committee.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee approved the Minutes of the ARC Meeting held on 8 March 2018.

3. NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee approved the Note of the ARC meeting held on 8 March 2018.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

5. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROCEDURES

5.1 Approval of Draft Quality Assurance Procedures: Applicant Provider

Walter Balfe joined the meeting to present this item.

The Committee noted the recommendation of the QQI executive (A15/5.1) based on the Explanatory Memorandum and supporting documentation (Annex A – E).

Following discussion, the ARC accepted the recommendation of the QQI executive to

agree to defer the decision on the approval of the Applicant Provider's application for initial validation of programmes leading to QQI awards: Approval of Quality Assurance Procedures and also to accept their observations up to 29 June 2018. The ARC will consider the observations at its next meeting in mid July 2018 (date to be confirmed).

6. **QUALITY ASSURANCE PROCEDURE**

6.1 Approval of Draft Quality Assurance Procedures: Applicant Provider

Walter Balfe joined the meeting to present this item.

The Committee noted the recommendation of the QQI executive (A15/6.1) based on the Explanatory Memorandum and supporting documentation (Annex A & B).

Following discussion, the ARC accepted the recommendation of the QQI executive to refuse to approve the application of the Applicant Provider for initial validation of programmes leading to QQI awards: Approval of Quality Assurance Procedures.

7. **PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2018**

The Committee discussed dates for the next meeting and agreed on the week commencing 16 July – 20 July 2018 - the date to be confirmed following consultation with other members of the Committee. A subsequent meeting will take place on 20 September at 2.00 pm.

8. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None

The Chair closed the meeting.

Chair: _____

Date: _____