

Programme and Awards Oversight Committee (PAOC)

Notes of Incorporal meeting of 22nd May 2017

Present: Barbara Brittingham (Chair); Maureen Conway; Anne Mangan; Liz Carroll;
Paul Lyons; Ken Carroll; Peter Cullen (Key Executive)

Apologies: Mary Danagher; John Mulcahy

In attendance: Antoinette Beatty (QA - QQI)

1. **Minutes of PAOC meeting 10th March 2017** (PAOC/A2/1)

The Minutes of the PAOC Incorporal meeting of 10th March 2017 were AGREED.

2. **New Committee members** (PAOC/A2/2)

Both new members, Paul Lyons and Ken Carroll introduced themselves to PAOC members and were welcomed to the committee.

3. **Statistical Overview of Validation Process in 2016** (PAOC/A2/3)

The paper was presented to the committee.

With reference to the 'Programmes Still in Process' column, the Chair asked why one of the HE programmes had still not completed the process. As it was not clear what provider or programme this referred to, it was agreed that it would be checked and referenced again at the next meeting.

A further question was posed which asked if there are any differences between the assessment process for providers with devolved responsibility and those who are assessed by desk audit or panel/site visit? It was clarified that, although there are differences, they each work against the applicable policy and criteria. For HE, a new policy was introduced in 2016. For FE, the old policy will remain until December 2017 when it is due to be replaced by the 2016 policy. A level 6 pilot in Digital Media will assist QQI in testing the new policy prior to its introduction.

4. **Draft 2016 Annual Report to the Board** (PAOC/A2/4)

This document was briefly referenced. While the committee was happy with its content, requests were made that a list of committee members and an account of attendance at meetings during 2016, be added.

It was agreed that both additional sections would be inserted, prior to the document being presented to the Board.

5. **PAOC representation at PAEC meetings: Formal Proposal** (PAOC/A2/5)

The committee welcomed this proposal and members agreed to attend future PAEC meetings, as observers. Only one PAOC member would attend at any given time.

It was agreed that a list of future PAEC dates would be forwarded to PAOC members and that they would reply by outlining their availability/preferences to the dates scheduled.

It was also agreed that a feedback report would be drafted by each PAOC member who attends a PAEC meeting and that this would be included as an agenda item for the first PAOC meeting thereafter.

6. **IBAT College - Validation Report** (PAOCA2/6)

The item was discussed.

Having considered the background and related issues that led the PAEC to set aside the Validation Report, the PAOC agreed to confirm this decision.

7. **Any Other Business**

As there was no other business, the meeting ended.