

Dearbhú Cáilíochta agus Cáilíochtaí Éireann

Quality and Qualifications Ireland

APPROVALS AND REVIEWS COMMITTEE

Notes of the fourteenth meeting of the QQI Approvals and Reviews Committee, held in the **QQI Boardroom, 26-27 Denzille Lane, Dublin 2 on Thursday 8 March 2018 at 10:00 am**

Present:

Dr Kevin Ryan (Chair)
Dr Martin Lyes
Ms Geraldine Larkin
Ms Colette Harrison

In attendance:

Ms Gráinne Power, Secretary
Mr Walter Balfe

Apologies

Ms Marie Kehoe-O'Sullivan
Dr Ailsa Crum
Mr Oisín Hassan
Ms Mary Sheridan

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 Ms Geraldine Larkin to her first meeting of the Committee.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee approved the Minutes of the ARC Meeting held on 13 October 2017 subject to the amendment of Ms Larkin's name.

3. NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee approved the Note of the ARC meeting held on 13 October 2017 for publication to the QQI website.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Committee noted the good wishes expressed by a former member of the Committee, Ms Una Buckley to the Committee and its new members.

5. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROCEDURES

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7. **QQI COMMITTEES 2017 SURVEY – ANALYSIS OF FEEDBACK**

The Committee noted the results and analysis of the Approvals and Reviews Committee members survey for 2017.

8. **PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2018**

The Committee decided that it would not agree a meeting schedule in advance. It considers it appropriate to meet at QQI's request to facilitate efficient decision making on applications.

The Committee will meet in April or May 2018 to consider the observations from the Applicant Providers

9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None