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Quality and Qualifications Ireland

Note of the fifty-fourth Meeting of the Authority (The Board) which was held incorporeally and took place between 16-21 December 2020.

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INTRODUCTION

Single Agenda Item – Procurement of required ICT personnel to maintain support of the QQI ICT infrastructure.

1. Procurement of required ICT personnel to maintain support of the QQI ICT infrastructure. The Board noted that, following its approval at the incorporeal meeting of 23-27 October 2020 of the three-year ICT Personnel Framework, the Executive commenced a mini tender exercise to procure the required ICT personnel to maintain support of QQI's ICT infrastructure. A brief update on this process was provided to the Board at its meeting held on 4 December 2020.

The Board noted that following the conclusion of the mini tender competition, the results were verified by an independent third party. The Board noted the document, circulated as ICT Contractor Update – Approval of Contract Awards and ICT Expenditure. The Board noted that the successful and unsuccessful suppliers have been notified and the process is

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currently in the "stand still" period of 14 days (which will lapse before year end) which is required under procurement guidelines.

The Board considered the document and **approved** the awarding of the relevant supplier contracts for the required ICT personnel for a period of six months (i.e. 1 January – 30 June 2021) to the value outlined in the document and subject to contract and to no objections being raised by suppliers during the stand still period.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.