

Dearbhú Cáilíochta agus Cáilíochtaí Éireann

Quality and Qualifications Ireland

APPROVALS AND REVIEWS COMMITTEE

Draft Notes of the eighteenth meeting of the QQI Approvals and Reviews Committee, held in the **Ground Floor Meeting Room, 26-27 Denzille Lane, Dublin 2** on **Tuesday 23 October 2018 at 11:00 am**

Present:

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

In attendance:

Ms Gráinne Power, Secretary
Ms Orla Lynch
Ms Wendy Mathews
Ms Alex Keys

Apologies

Mr Oisín Hassan
Ms Geraldine Larkin
Ms Marie Kehoe-O'Sullivan

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Committee approved the agenda for the 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 20 September 2018.

3. NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee approved the Note of the ARC meeting held on 20 September 2018.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

In reference to minute 6.1 the Executive confirmed a meeting was held with the applicant provider who will revert with clarification to QQI on the legal status.

5. CINNTE INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW REPORTS – APPROVAL TO PUBLISH

Orla Lynch and Wendy Mathews, Cyclical Reviews joined the meeting to present this item and outline the process

Following discussion, the Committee accepted the recommendation of the QQI Executive to publish the final reports and institutional responses of the cyclical reviews of Letterkenny Institute of Technology (A18/5.2) and Institute of Technology Sligo (A18/5.3).

6. **QUALITY ASSURANCE PROCEDURES**

6.1 Approval of Draft Quality Assurance Procedures: Applicant Provider

Alex Keys joined the meeting to present this item.

The Committee noted the recommendation of the QQI executive (A18/6.1) based on the recommendation of the Quality and Capacity Evaluation Panel report (A18/6.2) and following discussion the ARC accepted the recommendation of the QQI executive to accept the findings of the panel report and therefore proposed to refuse to approve the Applicant Provider's application.

The Committee in line with the Qualifications and Quality Assurance (Education and Training) Act 2012 para 31 (2) would await the observations from the Applicant Provider and consider those observations (if any) at the next meeting of the Committee.

7. **QUALITY ASSURANCE PROCEDURES**

7.1 Approval of Draft Quality Assurance Procedures: Applicant Provider

The Committee at its meeting of 8 March 2018 proposed to refuse to approve the Applicant Provider's application. In line with the Qualifications and Quality Assurance (Education and Training) Act 2012 para 31 (2) the provider had the opportunity to submit observations for the Committee's consideration. The Committee noted the Applicant Provider has not submitted observations and agreed to refuse to approve the Applicant Provider's application.

8. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

8.1 The Chair informed the Committee of Dr Lyes's acceptance to continue to serve on the Approvals and Reviews Committee for a further year.

8.2 The Committee noted an update would be provided by the Executive for its next meeting on the International Education Mark.

8.3 The Committee agreed a number of dates for meetings for 2019 in QQI Offices:

Thursday 7 February at 11.00 am

Thursday 11 April at 14.00 pm

Thursday 20 June at 11.00 am

The Chair closed the meeting.

Chair: _____

Date: _____