

## Dearbhú Cáilíochta agus Cáilíochtaí Éireann

### Quality and Qualifications Ireland

#### APPROVALS AND REVIEWS COMMITTEE

Note of the twenty first meeting of the QQI Approvals and Reviews Committee, held in the **Ground Floor Meeting Room, 26-27 Denzille Lane, Dublin 2 on Thursday 20 June 2019 at 11:00 am**

#### **Present:**

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

#### **In attendance:**

Ms Gráinne Power, Secretary  
Mr Walter Balfe  
Ms Mairéad Boland  
Ms Marie Gould

#### **Apologies**

Mr Oisín Hassan  
Professor Irene Sheridan

The Chair on behalf of the Committee welcome the return of Marie Kehoe-O'Sullivan and extended the best wishes of the Committee.

#### **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 11 April 2019.

#### **3. NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Committee approved the Note of the ARC meeting held on 11 April 2019.

#### **4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

#### **5. TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE APPROVALS AND REVIEWS COMMITTEE REVISED**

The Committee noted the revised Terms of Reference of the Committee approved by the QQI Board on 7 December 2018.

#### **6. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROCEDURES**

Walter Balfe joined the meeting to present this item and advised following on from the meeting of the ARC on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018 a number of meetings

had taken place between the Legal & Risk Unit of QQI and the Chief Executive of CELG in order to understand and bring clarity to the ownership and corporate structure of the group. Following some restructuring a new group name was adopted and the revised corporate structure was accepted by QQI.

**6.1 Approval of Draft Quality Assurance Procedures: City Education and Learning Group Ltd (CELG)**

The Committee noted the recommendation of the QQI executive (A21/6.1) based on the recommendation of the Quality and Capacity Evaluation Panel report (A21/6.2). Following discussion, the ARC accepted the recommendation of the QQI Executive to accept the findings of the panel report and therefore the Committee approved the draft Quality Assurance procedures of City Education and Learning Group Ltd (CELG). CELG is approved to progress to Stage 2 of the access to initial programme validation process.

**7. CINTE INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW REPORTS - Approval to Publish Reports of Dundalk Institute of Technology and Maynooth University**

Marie Gould and Mairéad Boland, 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 review of:

Dundalk Institute of Technology (ARC/A21/7.2)  
Maynooth University (ARC/A21/7.3)

**8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**8.1 Schedule of Dates for Meetings of the Committee for Q3 and Q4 2019**

The Committee agree the following dates:  
Thursday 3 October at 11.00am  
Wednesday 11 December at 2.00pm