

Dearbhú Cáilíochta agus Cáilíochtaí Éireann

Quality and Qualifications Ireland

APPROVALS AND REVIEWS COMMITTEE

Note of the Thirty Second meeting of the QQI Approvals and Reviews Committee, held via Teams **on Monday 1 November 2021 at 11.30 am**

Participation:

Professor Irene Sheridan (Chair)	Ms Gráinne Power, Secretary
Ms Laura Flynn	Mr Walter Balfe
Mr Billy Kelly	Ms Mairéad Boland
Ms Siobhan Kinsella	Ms Marie Gould
Ms Geraldine Larkin	Ms Orlaith O'Loughlin
Ms Megan O'Connor	
Mr Ronan O'Loughlin	
Mr Gerry O'Sullivan	
Ms Mary Sheridan	

Apologies:

Ms Carol Hanney

The Chair on behalf of the Committee welcomed Megan, Gerry and Laura to their first meeting of the Committee

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Committee approved the agenda for the meeting. Billy Kelly advised the Chair he would abstain from discussion for item 7. There were no other conflicts of interest in relation to any of the items of business before the Committee.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 19 AUGUST 2021 (ARC/M31)

The Committee approved the Minutes of the ARC meeting held on 19 August 2021.

3. NOTES OF THE MEETING OF 19 AUGUST 2021

The Committee approved the Note of the ARC meeting held on 19 August 2021 which will be published on the QQI website.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

5. **QUALITY ASSURANCE PROCEDURES**

Walter Balfe joined the meeting to present items 5, 6 and 7.

5.1 **Approval of Draft Quality Assurance Procedures – East Coast Air Conditioning**

The Committee noted the recommendation of the QQI executive (A32/5.1) based on the recommendation of the Quality and Capacity Evaluation Panel report (A32/5.2). Following discussion, the Committee accepted the recommendation of the QQI Executive to approve the application from East Coast Air Conditioning. ECAC is now approved to progress to Stage 2 of the access to initial programme validation process.

6. **QUALITY ASSURANCE PROCEDURES**

6.1 **Approval of Draft Quality Assurance Procedures – PCI College**

The Committee noted the recommendation of the QQI executive (A32/6.1) based on the recommendation of the Quality and Capacity Evaluation Panel report (A32/6.2). Following discussion, the Committee accepted the recommendation of the QQI Executive to approve the application from PCI College. PCI College is now approved to progress to Stage 2 of the access to initial programme validation process.

7. **QUALITY ASSURANCE PROCEDURES**

7.1 **Approval of Draft Quality Assurance Procedures – Applicant Provider**

The Committee noted the recommendation of the QQI executive (A32/7.1) based on the recommendation of the Quality and Capacity Evaluation Panel report (A32/7.2). Following discussion, the Committee accepted the recommendation of the QQI Executive to refuse to approve the application from the Applicant Provider pending mandatory changes as identified in the panel report.

8. **EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD INAUGURAL REVIEW - Approval to Publish Report of Cork Education and Training Board (CETB)**

Marie Gould, Mairéad Boland and Orlaith O’Loughlin joined the meeting to present item 8, 9 and 10.

8.1 The Committee accepted the recommendation of the QQI Executive to publish the final report and ETB response of the inaugural review of Cork Education and Training Board.

9. **EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD INAUGURAL REVIEW - Approval to Publish Report of Mayo, Sligo and Leitrim Education and Training Board (MSLETB)**

9.1 The Committee accepted the recommendation of the QQI Executive to publish the final report and ETB response of the inaugural review of Mayo, Sligo and Leitrim Education and Training Board.

10. **EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD INAUGURAL REVIEW - Approval to Publish Report of Laois and Offaly Education and Training Board (LOETB)**

10.1 The Committee accepted the recommendation of the QQI Executive to publish the final report and ETB response of the inaugural review of Laois and Offaly Education and Training Board.

11. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The next meeting of the ARC will take place in early 2022 – date to be confirmed.

This concluded the business of the meeting.