

Dearbhú Cáilíochta agus Cáilíochtaí Éireann

Quality and Qualifications Ireland

APPROVALS AND REVIEWS COMMITTEE

Notes of the Thirty Third meeting of the QQI Approvals and Reviews Committee, held via Teams on **Monday 7 March 2022 at 11.30 am**

Participation:

Professor Irene Sheridan (Chair)
Ms Laura Flynn
Ms Carol Hanney
Mr Billy Kelly
Ms Siobhan Kinsella
Ms Geraldine Larkin
Mr Ronan O'Loughlin
Mr Gerry O'Sullivan
Ms Mary Sheridan

Ms Gráinne Power, Secretary
Ms Alex Keyes
Ms Marie Gould
Ms Andrea Durnin
Ms Orlaith O'Loughlin

Apologies:

Ms Megan O'Connor

The Chair on behalf of the Committee welcomed Carol to her first meeting of the Committee, extended good wishes for the future to Geraldine and expressed thanks for her work and contribution to the Committee over the past 4 years.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Committee approved the agenda for the meeting. Carol Hanney advised the Chair she would abstain from discussion for item 8. 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 1 NOVEMBER 2021 (ARC/M32)

The Committee approved the Minutes of the ARC meeting held on 1 November 2021.

3. NOTES OF THE MEETING OF 1 NOVEMBER 2021

The Committee approved the Notes of the ARC meeting held on 1 November 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**

Alex Keyes joined the meeting to present items 5 and 6

5.1 **Approval of Draft Quality Assurance Procedures – Brigit’s Garden**

The Committee noted the recommendation of the QQI executive (A33/5.1) based on the recommendation of the Quality and Capacity Evaluation Panel report (A33/5.2). Following discussion, the Committee accepted the recommendation of the QQI Executive to approve the draft quality assurance procedures and blended learning policies of Brigit’s Garden. Brigit’s Garden is now approved to progress to Stage 2 of the access to initial programme validation process.

6. **QUALITY ASSURANCE PROCEDURES**

6.1 **Follow-Up on Conditions of QA Approval – East Coast Air Conditioning**

The Committee noted that ECAC had addressed the Condition of QA Approval and further noted that the Executive was satisfied that Condition 1 of QA Approval had been met.

7. **CINTE INSITUTIONAL REVIEW REPORT**

Marie Gould, Andrea Durnin and Orlaith O’Loughlin joined the meeting to present item 7 and 8.

7.1 **Approval to Publish the Report of Technological University Dublin (TU Dublin)**

The Committee accepted the recommendation of the QQI Executive to publish the final report and institutional response for the cyclical review of Technological University Dublin.

8. **EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD INAUGURAL REVIEW**

8.1 **Approval to Publish the Report of Cavan and Monaghan Education and Training Board**

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

9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

This concluded the business of the meeting.