

Programmes and Awards Oversight Committee (PAOC)

Note of meeting of 07 October 2021

via

Microsoft Teams

Present: Barbara Brittingham (Chair); Gerard Morgan; Brendan O'Dea; Seán Rowland; Mary Meaney; Mark Kane; Carmel Kelly (Key Executive)

Apologies: Mary Danagher

In attendance: Michelle Gallagher (QQI)

1. Welcome and introduction of New Members

Brendan O'Dea, Seán Rowland, Mary Meaney, Mark Kane were welcomed to the Committee.

2. Minutes of meeting of 10 November 2020

The minutes of the PAOC meeting on the 10 November 2020 were AGREED.

3. Conflict of Interest

No Conflict of Interest were noted.

4. Negative Decisions taken by the PAEC on Programme Validation for confirmation or referral back to the PAEC

4.1 Validation Refusals

4.1.1 Dorset College

PG24447, Certificate in Global Operations and Supply Chain Management, Special Purpose Award, Level 8, 5 ECTS *Microcredential (PAOC/A2-2021/4.1.1)*

The item was introduced by members of the Committee, and the issues that informed the PAEC decision were discussed. It was noted that the panel's recommendation was well evidenced and was accepted by the provider. The PAEC's decision to refuse validation of this programme was considered and CONFIRMED.

5. Oral Report of PAOC representations at PAEC meetings

Barbara Brittingham represented the PAOC at the PAEC meeting of 09 September 2021.

Specific points that Barbara noted:

- PAEC meeting had a long agenda, committee members were well-prepared.
- Impressed by the level of discussion around topics such as microcredential programmes, challenges of governance that small family-owned providers face etc.
- Impressed by the professionalism, engagement and robust discussion shown by the members of the Committee.
- Found observing the PAEC as a PAOC observer a valuable opportunity.
- Recommends PAOC members attend if possible.

6. **Any Other Business**

It was noted that the Executive would be in touch to arrange the next PAOC meeting in Late November/Mid December 2021.

As there was no other business, the meeting ended.