

**Dearbhú Cáilíochta agus Cáilíochtaí Éireann**

**Quality and Qualifications Ireland**

**APPROVALS AND REVIEWS COMMITTEE**

Notes of the Thirty Sixth meeting of the QQI Approvals and Reviews Committee, held via Teams on **Thursday 10 November 2022 at 11.30 am.**

**Participation:**

Professor Irene Sheridan (Chair)  
Professor Fiona Farr  
Ms Laura Flynn  
Ms Carol Hanney  
Ms Clodagh McGivern  
Dr Anna Murphy  
Mr Ronan O'Loughlin  
Mr Tony Pettit

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

**Apologies:**

Mr Billy Kelly  
Mr Gerry O'Sullivan

The Chair on behalf of the Committee welcomed Fiona and Clodagh to their first meeting of the Committee following their recent appointments.

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The Committee approved the agenda for the meeting. 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 9 AUGUST 2022 (ARC/M35)**

The Committee approved the Minutes of the ARC meeting held on 9 August 2022.

**3. NOTES OF THE MEETING OF 9 AUGUST 2022**

The Committee approved the Notes of the ARC meeting held on 9 August 2022 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 Keys joined the meeting to present item 5, 6 and 7.

**5.1 Approval of Draft Quality Assurance Procedures - Applicant Provider**

The Committee noted the recommendation of the QQI executive (A36/5.1) based on the recommendation of the Quality and Capacity Evaluation Panel report (A36/5.2). Following discussion, the Committee accepted the recommendation of the QQI executive to refuse to approve with recommendations, the application from the applicant provider.

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## **7. FOLLOW-UP ON CONDITIONS OF A QA APPROVAL – Innopharma Education**

The Committee noted that the QQI Executive is satisfied that Condition 3 of QA approval has been appropriately addressed by Innopharma Education.

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

Marie Gould, Andrea Durnin and Orlaith O’Loughlin joined the meeting to present items 8, 9, 10 and 11. Ms Carol Hanney abstained from any discussion on the City of Dublin Education and Training Board Inaugural Review Report and Response.

### **8.1 Approval to Publish the Report of Longford and Westmeath 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 Longford and Westmeath Education and Training Board.

## **9. EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD INAUGURAL REVIEW**

### **9.1 Approval to Publish the Report of Dublin and Dun Laoghaire 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 Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Education and Training Board.

## **10. EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD INAUGURAL REVIEW**

### **10.1 Approval to Publish the Report of City of Dublin 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 City of Dublin Education and Training Board.

The Chair on behalf of the Committee commended the hard work carried out by all parties involved in the ETB’s Inaugural Reviews (16 in total) now complete. The impact of those reviews for learners and the ETB sector will be very important. It is a testament to the approach taken by QQI that these inaugural reviews have been positively accepted by the ETB sector.

## **11. CINNTE INSITUTIONAL REVIEW REPORT**

### **11.1 Approval to Publish the Report of Trinity College Dublin (TCD)**

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

**12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

This concluded the business of the meeting.