

Programmes and Awards Oversight Committee (PAOC)

Note of meeting of 01 November 2022

via

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Present: Barbara Brittingham (Chair); Brendan O’Dea; Seán Rowland; Mark Kane; Billy Bennett; Alex Keys (Key Executive)

Apologies: Mary Danagher; Mary Meaney

In attendance: Laura McNamee (QQI)

1. Minutes of meeting of 05 September 2022

The minutes of the PAOC meeting on the 05 September 2022 were AGREED.

2. New Member

Dr Billy Bennett was welcomed to the Committee.

3. Conflict of Interest

No conflicts 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 City Education Group

4.1.1.1 PG24821, Higher Diploma in Business in Business Management, Level 8, Major Award, 60 Credits

The item was introduced by members of the Committee, and the issues that informed the PAEC decision were discussed. The PAEC’s decision to refuse validation of these programmes was considered and CONFIRMED.

4.1.2 ECAC

4.1.2.1 PG24873, Level 5 Specific Purpose Certificate in F-gas Handling in Small RACHPT&T Systems Category II, Level 5, Special Purpose Award, 5 FET Credits, *Non-CAS*

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5. **Oral Report of PAOC representations at PAEC meetings**

No business

6. **Any Other Business**

The Chair and Committee members acknowledged the high quality of the reports which were discussed earlier in the meeting and the Executive were asked to pass on the positive comments to the two report writers involved.

It was noted that this was the last scheduled meeting in the appointed term of the office for Committee member Mary Danagher and the Chair, Barbara Brittingham.

The Chair thanked the committee for the support over her term.

The Chair, committee members and Key Executive extended thanks and appreciation to the committee member whose term in office is ending.

As there was no other business, the meeting ended.