

Dearbhú Cáilíochta agus Cáilíochtaí Éireann

Quality and Qualifications Ireland

APPROVALS AND REVIEWS COMMITTEE

Notes of the Thirty Seventh meeting of the QQI Approvals and Reviews Committee, held **on Thursday 23 February 2023 at 11.00 am in QQI's Offices, 26/27 Denzille Lane, Dublin 2**

Participation:

Professor Irene Sheridan (Chair)
Professor Fiona Farr
Ms Carol Hanney
Mr Billy Kelly
Dr Anna Murphy
Mr Ronan O'Loughlin
Mr Gerry O'Sullivan

In attendance:

Ms Gráinne Power, Secretary
Ms Marie Gould
Ms Mary Grennan
Ms Mary Sheridan
Ms Alex Keys
Ms Orlaith O'Loughlin
Ms Sabine Epitalon

Apologies:

Ms Laura Flynn
Ms Clodagh McGivern
Mr Tony Pettit

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 10 NOVEMBER 2022 (ARC/M36)

The Committee approved the Minutes of the ARC meeting held on 10 November 2022.

3. NOTES OF THE MEETING OF 10 NOVEMBER 2022

The Committee approved the Notes of the ARC meeting held on 10 November 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 (A37/5.1) based on the recommendation of the Quality and Capacity Evaluation Panel report (A37/5.2). 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 – Unihaven Ltd**

The Committee noted that the QQI Executive is satisfied that Condition of QA approval has been appropriately addressed by Unihaven Ltd.

8. **SECTORAL REPORT OF THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARDS INAUGURAL QA REVIEWS**

Marie Gould, Orlaith O’Loughlin and Sabine Epitalon joined the meeting to present item 8.

The Committee noted the publication of the Sectoral Report of the Education and Training Boards Inaugural QA Reviews which will be formally launched on 29 March 2023.

9. **REVIEW OF DUBLIN BUSINESS SCHOOL UNDER SECTION 34 (1)(b) OF THE 2012 ACT**

Marie Gould presented this item.

The Committee noted the Explanatory Memorandum (A37/9.1) which informed the Committee of the QQI Executive’s decision to initiate a focused review of Dublin Business School under Section 34 (1)(b) of the 2012 Act and the Terms of Reference for that Review as set out in (A37/9.2).

10. **UPDATE ON INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION MARK (IEM) PROCESS**

Mary Sheridan and Mary Grennan joined the meeting to present this item.

The Committee were updated on the development of a three-phase parallel process for applications for the International Education Mark (IEM) from ELE providers to include Due Diligence (DD) applications (Section 29B of 2012 Act). The Committee were advised the Finalised Reports from the IEM process will be presented to the Committee for approval to publish in due course.

11. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

This concluded the business of the meeting.