



QUALIFICATIONS SUPPORT TEAM for the HN SCIENCE Portfolio of Awards

Minutes of meeting held at 10am on Monday 19 June 2023 on MS teams

Present:

Ania Sosnowska (Ayrshire College), Julia Wright (Dundee and Angus College), Christine Hutcheson (Edinburgh College), Fiona Jackson (Forth Valley College), Conor Larkin (Glasgow Clyde College), Sandra Dickson (Glasgow Kelvin College), Jane Manson (Inverness College), Doug Fraser – Chair (North East Scotland College), Leann Tait (North East Scotland College), Sandra Spence (West College Scotland), Rhianna Curran (West Lothian College), Melanie McConnell (West Lothian College), Susan Bunton (External Verifier), Nicola Levitt (External Verifier), Jonathan Gillies (SQA), Laura Gibson (SQA)

Not Present:

Alan McDowall (Ayrshire College), Hunia Arshad (Edinburgh College), Kevin Spears (Fife College), Pamela Duke (Dundee and Angus College), Colin McMorrin (Forth Valley College), Marcelle McIlroy (Glasgow Kelvin College), Sam Bright (Moray College), Derek Steven (New College Lanarkshire), Kenneth Boyd (North Highland College), Donna Cousins (Perth College), Joe Burman (Perth College), Mary McGibbon (West College Scotland), Maureen Wallace (SQA)

1. Session 2023-24

Jonathan confirmed two working groups had met to discuss the practical requirements and closed-book/open-book requirements for session 2023-24. Jonathan shared and explained the draft guidance for both the HNC in Applied Sciences at SCQF level 7 and the HND in Applied Sciences at SCQF level 8. A copy of the draft guidance will be issued alongside these minutes.

2. AOB

Doug advised that due to changes to the subject guidance for session 2023-24 there could be some centre-devised prior verified assessments created during the pandemic that are no longer valid. Laura will liaise with SQAs Operations colleagues to identify and remove any centre-devised prior verified assessments that are no longer valid and will notify QST members.

Jonathan advised that the next meeting of the HN science QST would be arranged for the end of August 2023.

ACTION GRID

Action	Date completed
Laura will liaise with SQAs Operations colleagues to identify and remove any centre-devised prior verified assessments that are no longer valid and notify QST members.	
Laura to send QST members an online poll to ascertain the best date for the next meeting of the HN Science QST.	