



Qualification Support Team (QST): Professional Cookery

Note of meeting 7 held on Wednesday 27th April 2023 (via Microsoft Teams)

Members:

City of Glasgow College
Dumfries and Galloway College
Dundee and Angus College
Fife College
Forth Valley College
New College Lanarkshire
Peth College
South Lanarkshire College
West College Scotland
West Highland College
West Lothian College

SQA Officers:

Christine Keenan
Carol McEvoy

By Invitation:

Senior External Verifier

Agenda Item 7/1: Welcome

Members were welcomed to the meeting and apologies noted.

Agenda Item 7/2: Note of Previous meeting

The team reviewed the note of the last meeting and agreed that it is an accurate record.

Agenda Item 7/3: Matters Arising

It was confirmed that new unit in [Food Waste and Sustainability at level 5](#) has now been published. This unit has been added to the NCs in Professional Cookery and Bakery frameworks as an optional unit.

Agenda Item 7/4: Arrangements for Assessments in session 2023-24: Higher National and Vocational Qualifications

It was noted that information was sent to centres at the end of March outlining assessment arrangements for session 2023-2024 and the removal of the pandemic related mitigations, which includes the removal of the critical competence guidance and the reinstatement of the full graded unit requirements.

The team considered the unit level subject guidance that had been produced during the pandemic and agreed that subject guidance for the professional cookery units should be withdrawn and that review of these units would be part of ongoing maintenance work.

Agenda Items 7/5: Microsoft Teams for External Users

It was noted that the use of Microsoft Teams for external groups is to be rolled out to QSTs.

Agenda Item 7/6: Next Gen: HN Update

The following update on the Next Gen: HN project was provided:

- Full evaluation of the pilot areas will take place during May/June. This will include learner feedback – by this time there will have been a full cohort of learners who have gone through two full years with the new grading models.
- No further areas will be added to the pilot; the next stage will be to complete the evaluation and decide on the roll out to other areas.
- It was noted that the design principles have evolved slightly during the life of the pilots, eg, there is now a requirement for a mandatory learning for sustainability outcome.

Agenda Item 7/7: Centre and Learner Surveys

It was noted that the annual centre and learner surveys had been suspended during the Covid pandemic, however the team agreed that it would be good to re-instate them next session as the new frameworks will have settled in across a wider range of centres by then.

Agenda Item 7/8: Understanding standards / SQA Connections Week

The team were invited to submit suggestions for any areas that they think that understanding standards material/activity would be useful for.

It was noted that SQA Connection week is due to take place in October.

Agenda Item 7/9: New Model Apprenticeships Update

Consultations have taken place regarding a New Model Apprenticeship for customer service/hospitality, more information is expected in the coming months.

Agenda Item 7/10: SCQF Pathways Project

It was noted that development of an interactive tool is being considered by [SCQF](#) to show all qualification types available for specific subjects against the SCQF levels.

Agenda Item 7/11: Any Other Business

No other business was raised.

Agenda Item 7/12: Date of Next Meeting

To be confirmed