Amenity Horticulture, Landscaping, Conservation and Land Management Industry Reference Committee

Communique

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The Amenity Horticulture, Landscaping, Conservation and Land Management Industry Reference Committee (IRC) held a meeting on Wednesday 29 July 2020 via Zoom conferencing.

At this meeting key decisions were considered around the proposed qualification name change regarding Conservation and Land Management and the IRC pre-approval for the draft AHC Case for Endorsement (CfE) covering Conservation and Land Management, Agricultural Biosecurity and Medicinal Crops projects.

Qualification name change

The IRC considered a proposal to change the name of Conservation and Land management qualifications to Conservation and Ecosystem Management. The IRC reviewed feedback collected throughout the project and additional feedback sought through their networks and collated within the meeting papers. The IRC discussed the issue in depth, and considered the importance of the change, the factors affecting different stakeholder groups, the varied responses by states and the type of organisation, and reasons around support for or against change. The IRC decided to support the name change within the Training Package.

AHC Case for Endorsement

The IRC considered the draft Case for Endorsement (CfE) for Conservation and Land Management project. They noted the enormity of the project and the level of consultation that took place. There was additional discussion regarding Agricultural Biosecurity and Emergency Response and Medicinal Crops projects.

The IRC formally resolved the pre-approval of the draft AHC CfE.

AHLCLM Existing Project Updates

The IRC was updated on the progress of the Green Walls and Rooftop Gardens and Horticulture and Nursery projects. Skills Impact thanked the IRC members who had actively participated in additional consultations and noted that all recent work will be available on the Skills Impact website for public consultation and validation going forward.

AHLCLM New Projects

Skills Impact presented draft project plans for IRC consideration and approval for two recently approved projects from the AISC, being:

- Landscaping and Parks and Gardens Unit Sectors
- Mined Land Rehabilitation

The IRC were happy with the proposed drafts and noted the opportunity to provide additional feedback.

IRC Digital Transformation Survey

The IRC raised a number of issues regarding the survey, agreeing it was extremely difficult to complete as a single IRC given the range and its diversity of sectors that make up the IRC. IRC

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members were encouraged to support completion of the separate survey for industry employers and associations to ensure their sector was captured more accurately.

The IRC discussed the questions of the survey and agreed to submit a single response for the IRC.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Amenity Horticulture, Landscaping, Conservation and Land Management IRC is yet to be confirmed.