LC Biology	Development Group Meeting 18, October 25th 2023. Short Description
Agenda Item	Notes
Governance and matters arising	The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed. No conflicts of interest were declared.
Updates	The group explored the implications of the Minister's announcement on September 20 th on the work of the development group, including updated timelines.
Key competencies	The development group considered how key competencies were represented within the specification and offered suggestions on the elaboration and refinement within the specification.
Assessment	Members considered the nature of the Additional Assessment Component in light of the Minister's announcement. They discussed and offered suggestions on how the specification and assessment guidelines could support the overall process of engaging with the Additional Assessment Component.
Next Steps	The chair reflected on the work completed to date and thanked members for their attendance and contributions.
	Next Meeting: November 9 th 2023