LC Agricultural Science	Development Group meeting #4: 4.12.24 Short description
Agenda item	Notes
Welcome	Previous minutes were agreed. No conflicts of interest declared.
T3 Assessment Parameters	Input was given on the overview and purpose of the document 'Overarching parameters for the design of assessment arrangements in the development of specifications for all Tranche 3 subjects' and on the process through which a variation to the assessment parameters may be considered.
Review of the evolving Rationale and Aims	The Development Group was presented with an updated copy of a draft Rationale and Aims reflecting discussions from the previous meeting. The group suggested some further amendments.
Key Competencies	An updated draft of this section of the specification was provided to members of the Development Group for discussion. Feedback was recorded that will form the basis of a further draft.
Towards an articulation of structure	The Development Group worked in small groups to consider a visual of a draft structure for the specification. Feedback was recorded.
Articulating a Unifying Strand	An overview of the concept of a Unifying Strand was presented with examples from other Leaving Certificate Science subjects. Feedback was recorded.
Next steps and reflections	The chair reflected on the work completed and thanked members for their attendance and contributions. NCCA Executive will review the discussions and prepare draft materials for the next meeting. Next meeting: 13 January 2025