

LC Biology	Development Group Meeting #6 03/03/2020 Short Description
Agenda Item	Notes
<b>Minutes and governance</b>	Previous minutes agreed. No conflicts of interest declared. Matters arising addressed
<b>Review and progression of strands</b>	<p>Members reviewed strands for alignment with the aims of the specification and clarity. A range of issues in relation to curriculum design were discussed, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- making biology learning relevant to the everyday lives of students</li> <li>- the need to reflect the evolving nature of contemporary fields of study in biology (e.g. biotechnology)</li> <li>- the role of a contemporary curriculum in dealing with sensitive issues (e.g. disease)</li> <li>- the need for learning outcomes to capture the interesting aspects of biology learning</li> </ul>
<b>Coursework considerations</b>	<p>The following points were raised in a discussion on coursework and second assessment components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the value of choice in promoting student agency</li> <li>- the potential for use of both primary and secondary data</li> <li>- manageability issues related to conduct of coursework</li> <li>- the importance of coursework design which ensures equity amongst all students</li> <li>- the need for authenticity in any coursework produced</li> </ul>
<b>Next steps</b>	<p><b>Next Meeting</b> 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020</p> <p>The chair reflected on the work done, agreed 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020 for the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting and thanked the members for their attendance and contributions.</p>