LC Agricultural Science	Development Group meeting #8: 08.04.25 Short description
Agenda item	Notes
Welcome	Previous minutes were proposed and seconded. No conflicts of interest declared.
Updates	A review of the work to date was presented highlighting progress, milestones, and sections of the specification to be drafted.
Draft unifying strand	The group considered and discussed a redrafted Unifying Strand.
Draft Soils Strand	The group considered and discussed a redrafted Soils Strand.
Organising concepts for Animals strand	The group identified core concepts, ideas and approaches for the Animals Strand that will guide drafting of this strand.
Thinking about Assessment	The group discussed the nature and timing of the Additional Assessment Component.
Draft Crops Strand	The group considered and discussed a drafted Crops Strand that reflected feedback from the previous meeting.
Next steps and reflections	The chair reflected on the work completed, thanked members for their attendance and contributions, and wished everyone a Happy Easter. NCCA executive will review the discussions and prepare draft materials for the next meeting.  Next meeting: 12 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2025