

Home Economics Development Group – Meeting 7

Short Description

Date: 2nd May 2025

Time: 10.30 am to 2.00 pm

Senior Cycle Home Economics	Development Group Meeting Short Description
Agenda Item	Notes
Welcome, opening remarks and overview of the day	The Chairperson opened the meeting by extending a warm welcome to all members. Minutes were read and matters arising seen to.
Learning Outcomes – Draft 2	The Executive presented key revisions from Draft 1 to Draft 2 of the learning outcomes, including the introduction of a Unifying Strand, revised strand titles, and expanded learning outcomes to strengthen practical skills, sustainability, and digital literacy. The group welcomed the overall direction but raised concerns about the scope, breadth, accessibility, terminology, and assessment alignment, recommending refinements to ensure clarity, manageability, and clear progression from Junior Cycle. Concerns were raised around the balance and scope of the learning outcomes across the specification.
Assessment	The Executive outlined the assessment parameters, confirming that all new or revised specifications must include an additional assessment worth at least 40 per cent. This led to a discussion on incorporating practical Home Economics skills, addressing digital access and AI concerns, and ensuring the assessment is equitable, manageable and reflective of stakeholder feedback in relation to validity, progression and avoiding duplication of other course assessments e.g. LCA Hotel Catering and Tourism.
Next steps and next meeting	<p>The Chairperson and Executive outlined an overview of the schedule of meetings. The Chairperson then reflected on the work done and thanked the members for their attendance and contributions.</p> <p>Next meeting: 19th and 20th May 2025</p>