



TO: **ACADEMIC BOARD, 3<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 2015**  
 FROM: VICE-PROVOST LEARNING AND TEACHING QUALITY  
 PREPARED BY: HEAD OF QUALITY  
 DATE: 23<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 2015  
 APPROVED BY  
 VICE-CHANCELLOR:   
 SUBJECT: **UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC FRAMEWORKS REVIEW: PATHWAYS**

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## **1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To ask the Academic Board to approve the recommendation of the Undergraduate Academic Frameworks Review Panel with reference to what should constitute a pathway within a programme.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 At its meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2015, the Academic Board considered a paper from the Undergraduate Academic Frameworks Review Panel that included recommendations to approve a number of elements prior to further work on some other areas.<sup>1</sup>
- 2.2 Following discussion at the Academic Board meeting, a decision on the recommendation relating to what should constitute a pathway was deferred to enable further discussion to take place with a senior representative within the School of Society, Enterprise and Environment on the implications for a number of routes within that area.<sup>2</sup>
- 2.3 This discussion has now taken place and the recommendation for pathways is as follows: a named pathway should only be available on a single honours award and a minimum of 40 credits at each of levels 5 and 6 should be specific to the named pathway.

## **3. RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 That Academic Board **approve** the recommendation of paragraph 2.3 above regarding what, in the academic framework, should constitute a pathway.

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<sup>1</sup> See Paper D450 Undergraduate Academic Frameworks Review Panel update, sections 2.2-4

<sup>2</sup> See Item 14/71, minutes of Academic Board, 21<sup>st</sup> July 2015