




TO: **ACADEMIC BOARD, 3rd NOVEMBER 2015**

FROM: VICE-PROVOST LEARNING AND TEACHING QUALITY

PREPARED BY: HEAD OF QUALITY

DATE: 23rd OCTOBER 2015

APPROVED BY
VICE-CHANCELLOR: 

SUBJECT: **UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC FRAMEWORKS REVIEW: PATHWAYS**

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 21st 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.¹
- 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.²
- 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.

¹ See Paper D450 Undergraduate Academic Frameworks Review Panel update, sections 2.2-4

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