

University of Birmingham

**Purpose of Paper**

1. APRC is invited to **consider**, and if thought appropriate, **approve** the new Student Charter.

**Background/Consultation**

2. The University's Student Charter has been reviewed and significantly updated to be disseminated in September 2012. The new Student Charter has been developed by a joint Task and Finish Group with both Guild of Students and University membership, co-chaired by Mark Harrop and Chris Twine. Guidance issued by the joint NUS/UUK Working Group on Charters set up after the Browne Review was followed.

**Arguments to Support Proposal**

3. The new Student Charter has three sections: Student responsibilities; University responsibilities and Guild of Students responsibilities.  
  
The new Student Charter is a statement of mutual expectations and aspirations and as such is not a legally binding contract; however it is a document that may feature prominently in student circles and possibly nationally, as Student Charters become more apparent across universities. A statement on an annual review process for the Student Charter will be included in the document and it is felt that the Academic Policy and Regulations Committee would be an appropriate mechanism to carry this out.