

**For the Academic Policy &
Regulations Committee**

University of Birmingham

Proposal for the Award of Master of Public Administration

Topic and Purpose of the Paper

1. APRC is request to **recommend** that the award of Master of Public Administration be added to the list of awards of the University.

Consultation

2. The proposal for the Master of Public Administration was put forward by the School of Government and Society, College of Social Sciences.
3. The case for the University being able to make an award of Master of Public Administration was approved by the Programme Approval and Review Committee on 17th June 2009, at which meeting the request was made for APRC to recommend that the award of Master of Public Administration be added to the list of awards of the University.

Proposals/Recommendations

4. APRC is requested to recommend that the Master of Public Administration (MPA) be added to the list of postgraduate taught awards of the University in Ordinance 4.1.1 (c).

Background

5. The decision to seek to change the School of Government and Society's public administration provision from MBA programmes to the Master of Public Administration reflects a sector-wide trend. This reflects a growing dissatisfaction with the use of MBAs for public-sector training.

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