

UNIVERSITY OF PLYMOUTH

APPROVAL OF A NEW HIGHER OR DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP

Apprenticeships are relationships formed and managed for the delivery of Higher or Degree Apprenticeship standards (HA/DA). The work with the University is governed under contracted and sub-contracted terms, as required by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA). Where an HA/DA includes a prescribed HE qualification awarded by the University, the University's standard quality assurance arrangements would be augmented by the requirements of the ESFA.

All proposals for new apprenticeship developments have to be formally approved by Academic Development and Partnerships Committee (ADPC). The process of approval will be dependent on the type of apprenticeship being proposed and advice should be sought from Academic Partnerships and Central Quality Office on this. Possible arrangements for sub-contracting should be discussed at the approval event and any new sub-contracting arrangements after approval should be reported to ADPC.

If the proposal includes input from an existing University partner institution, or, if a partner is seeking approval for a programme that may be used as part of an HA/DA, Academic Partnerships should be consulted about the development and will take responsibility for reporting the development to ADPC and for taking the proposal through approval.

If the proposal is linked to an existing or new University degree programme, there is no partner input, and the development is being proposed in line with national and/or professional body advice, then normally the Faculty will take responsibility for the development; reporting it to ADPC and taking it through the Faculty approval process with support from Academic Partnerships.