

Education and Training Committee, 10 March 2011

Threshold level of qualification for entry to the Register

Executive summary and recommendations

### **Introduction**

The Committee previously considered papers in March and June 2010 that reviewed the threshold level of qualification for entry to the Register outlined in the standards of education and training (SET 1).

The Committee agreed that:

- there should be no immediate change to SET1;
- the Policy department should produce further guidance to strengthen the understanding of SET1; and
- the Policy department should return to a future meeting with further developments.

The guidance suggested in the paper was in the form of 'policy statements' on the following areas: the purpose of SET 1; the factors involved in setting the threshold level for a new profession joining the Register; and the factors involved in considering changing the threshold level set for an existing profession.

No timescale was specifically agreed for completion of this work. This project area has been included in the draft Policy and Standards Department workplan for 2011/2012, to be considered by the Council at its meeting in March 2011 and as a paper to note at the Committee's June 2011 meeting.

It is currently expected that the Committee might be asked to consider draft policy statements at its meeting in September 2011 (subject to legal advice and other departmental priorities).

### **Decision**

This paper is to note. No decision is required.

### **Background information**

- Papers considered by the Education and Training, 10 March 2010; and 8 June 2010.

### **Resource implications**

- No resource implications as a result of this paper.

- Resource implications related to drafting statements included in draft Policy and Standards Workplan for 2011/2012.

### **Financial implications**

- None as a result of this paper.
- Legal advice on policy statements would be accounted for within Policy and Standards Department budgeting for 2011/2012.

### **Appendices**

None

### **Date of paper**

28 February 2011