

## **Further Education and Training Bill**

### **Terms of reference for the report under clause 18**

To review the operation of the new powers for the Privy Council to grant powers to further education colleges to award foundation degrees, and to make recommendations.

The review will consider, but not limit itself to, these questions:

- the use that colleges have made of the new powers; the extent to which the new powers have stimulated innovation in the provision of foundation degrees, to meet student and employer requirements; and the impact on the wider mission of colleges who have obtained the powers;
- how partnerships between further education colleges and higher education institutions have developed as a result of colleges seeking or acquiring the ability to award foundation degrees; and the impact of the ability for colleges to award foundation degrees on progression routes from pre-HE levels of education to foundation degrees through to more advanced higher education programmes;
- how well the process for considering applications by colleges for the right to award foundation degrees is working, judged against criteria of safeguarding standards (including progression routes), and of the need to provide an accessible service to applicants; and
- whether the new powers have led to changes in the distribution of foundation degree students between providers in different sectors.