



## **The benefits of using the CIC Scope of Services –**

**The Construction Industry Council's Scope of Services provides clients with a single, easy-to-use approach to define and align what they need to start their project in the right direction and achieve a co-ordinated definition of what is to be constructed**

Projects are increasingly complex in terms of technical content, integration of architecture and engineering, multiple specialisms, staging and delivery mechanisms and external influences. This creates a need for greater efficiency in the design of buildings and infrastructure assets, and greater precision in roles, duties and scope than ever before.

The CIC Scope of Services addresses these needs by focusing on providing clarity to the 'design process'. It uses the term 'definition' to acknowledge that far more than design is involved and not all of those participating in the process undertake design. It includes costing, programming, planning, procurement, health & safety, management, co-ordination, monitoring against the client's aspirations and objectives, etc. And it takes the project from inception to post practical completion.

This holistic approach means that it can be used with most procurement approaches, and is independent of contract terms. It uses stages for the refinement of the definition that match most national and international project stages and maps with the RIBA Plan of Work 2007.

It provides a full menu of services and activities that will be required for the complete and integrated definition of the project to be constructed, irrespective of whether they are to be undertaken by consultants, specialists or contractors. The key is that once the appropriate tasks are identified, they are allocated to whoever is most suited to undertake them.

It provides:

- Integrated and detailed scope of services from inception to post practical completion for the complete definition of the project to be constructed;
- Clearly defined stages for the refinement of the project definition;
- Defined roles and clear responsibilities for each participant;
- Defined primary responsibility for the definition of each element by stage;
- A management tool for the definition process;
- A scope that is independent of contract terms or procurement route;
- The only industry standard document that provides the clarity and integration necessary to deliver design that can deliver client value.

This gives users of the CIC Scope of Services the following benefits:

- Integration of multiple disciplines to achieve project objectives;
- Transparent responsibilities for project definition tasks;
- Clarity of inter-relationships and interfaces between definition tasks;
- Elimination of inconsistencies, and over and under-laps between individual scopes;
- Team alignment, based on clear expectations and shared understanding;
- Flexibility to respond to project definition outputs, eg as procurement routes are agreed;
- Leading to elimination of waste, giving greater efficiency and team effectiveness.