

PRESS RELEASE



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CIC Futures Group - Organisation and Procedures Announced

The Construction Industry Council has announced the remit, terms of reference and membership of its recently established Futures Group.

The role of the Futures Group is to assist the professional institutions serving the built and natural environment to provide the best possible services to society, particularly through greater integration, collaboration and co-operation between them.

In this role, the Futures Group will:

- (a) focus on the potential for all aspects across a spectrum of possible association between the institutions: from improved co-operation, active collaboration, shared activities and facilities to the potential for integration;
- (b) develop a greater multi-disciplinary approach, improve the profile and influence of the various sectors both individually and as a single voice for the built and natural environment professions, providing economies of scale and improving efficiency and cost-effectiveness;
- (c) have an over-riding aim of improving the services offered to clients, users of the built and natural environments and to society;
- (d) address the international dimension in terms of more effective association between the institutions;
- (e) oversee appropriate research to identify the wishes and requirements of the various institutions in the built and natural environment sectors with regard to their future, specifically in relation to these terms of reference, and also to identify and analyze similar pan-industry or pan-professional initiatives;
- (f) consider how this work interfaces with other similar initiatives being developed elsewhere and will therefore liaise closely with appropriate organisations and make representations where appropriate to ensure that any proposals are consistent with the wider interests of the built and natural environment community;
- (g) identify specific areas where immediate, practical opportunities for co-operation can be developed.

There will be two strands of activity:

(1) A core programme relating to generic areas of association or integration between the institutions. This would potentially have four distinct phases:

- a) Planning phase (Approximately 2 months)
- b) Research stage (Approximately 4/6 months)
- c) Strategy (to be completed by the end of 2004)
- d) Consultation and Implementation (to be completed by the end of 2005)

(2) A programme of 'quick wins', which will be developed in parallel with the core programme and will involve co-operative working arrangements amongst the institutions in particular areas. The first round of 'quick wins' includes:

- a) Joint activity in China (*to be led by Michael Brown of CloB*)
- b) The establishment of a joint Regional Centre for the institutions (*to be led by a nominee of RIBA*)
- c) Joint response to Egan Review of Sustainable Skills (*already completed*)
- d) Teambuild 2004 (*to be led by Alan Crane of ICE*)
- e) Developing business skills in the professions (*to be led by Rob Tovey of RICS*)
- f) Developing other generic skills across the professions (*to be led by David Cracknell of CIC*)

Membership of the Futures Group

Turlogh O'Brien (the current CIC Chairman) will chair the Futures Group and he will be supported by Graham Watts (Chief Executive of CIC), who will chair the Executive Group, **Stuart Henderson** (Deputy Chairman of CIC) and **Tim Gough** (Chairman of the Chartered College).

Each nominated institution will be asked to nominate a member of the Futures Group. Additional members can be added as suggested. The Chairman of the Professional College will be a member of the Group, representing the members of the Professional College.

The Chief Executive of each organisation will also attend meetings to provide continuity.

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Notes to the Editor

Members of the Futures Group:

Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers (CIBSE), Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB), Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE), Institution of Structural Engineers (IStructE), Landscape Institute (LI), Professional College of CIC, Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA), Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI).

The Professional College of CIC incorporates:

Association of Building Engineers (ABE), Association of Cost Engineers (ACostE), Association of Project Management (APM), British Institute of Architectural Technologists (BIAT), British Institute of Facilities Management (BIFM), Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors (ICES), Institute of Clerks of Works of Great Britain (ICWGB), Institute of Plumbing (IoP), Institute of Highways Incorporated Engineers (IHIE).

CIC is the representative forum for the professional bodies, research organisations and specialist trade associations in the construction industry. It provides a single voice for professionals in all sectors of the built environment through its collective membership of 500,000 individual professionals and 25,000 firms of construction consultants.

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