

PRESS RELEASE

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CIC Futures Group to examine the potential for closer working arrangements for the professional institutions

The Construction Industry Council is to set up a high level Steering Group to look into the future of professional institutions. This "Futures Group" will explore the potential for closer collaborative working between the professional institutions in the built environment and the opportunities for greater relevance, effectiveness and value.

The decision to establish the "Futures Group" was prompted by a meeting of the CIC Chartered College (*see note 1*) on 10 September, which considered a number of issues relating to the future of professional institutions in the built environment, including the potential for strengthening the role and profile of CIC as the umbrella for professional bodies in the built environment. The Group will also take into account other relevant issues ranging from the movement to create a new "electro-mechanical" institute by the IEE, IMechE and IIE (*see note 2*), the associated proposal from the Institution of Civil Engineers to establish a new Institution for the built and natural environment, and recent calls to establish a new Institute for Quantity Surveyors.

The composition, remit and terms of reference for the "Futures Group" are to be agreed, in consultation with relevant CIC members from the Chartered College and the College of Independent Professional Institutes (*see note 3*), during the next five weeks and it is anticipated that the Group will meet for the first time before the end of October.

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Notes to the Editor

Note 1: Members of the Chartered College are the:

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), Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA), Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI).

Note 2: Institution of Electrical Engineers, Institution of Mechanical Engineers, Institution of Incorporated Engineers.

Note 3: Members of the College of Independent Professional Institutes:

Association of Building Engineers (ABE), Association of Cost Engineers (ACostE), Association for 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 GB (ICWGB), Institute of Highways Incorporated Engineers (IHIE), Institute of Maintenance & Building Management (IMBM), Institute of Plumbing (IoP).

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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