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CIC appoints Nick Raynsford as future Chairman

At its Council meeting today the Construction Industry Council appointed the Rt Hon Nick Raynsford MP as its Deputy Chairman, to serve for a year until succeeding Stuart Henderson as Chairman for a two-year term starting in June 2006.

Nick Raynsford served as a Government Minister throughout the 1997-2001 and 2001-2005 Parliaments: he was Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the DETR from 1997 to 1999 before becoming Minister for Housing and Planning from 1999 to 2001 - throughout this time he had direct ministerial responsibility for the construction industry. From 2001 -2005 he was Minister for Local Government and the Regions at the DTLR and then the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister. Following the recent General Election, in which he retained Greenwich and Woolwich with a majority of more than 10,000, he has stepped down from Government.

Speaking at the Council meeting, Nick Raynsford said

“I am looking forward to renewing my strategic involvement with the construction industry and its major organisations through this appointment with the CIC. I relish the challenge of working with Stuart Henderson and colleagues to continue the industry’s improvement as a major sector of the economy over the next four years.”

The CIC Chief Executive, Graham Watts, welcomed the appointment, adding:

“This is a significant step in a repositioning of CIC as a key interface between government and the industry. I hope this will preface a period in which industry and government are more joined-up in their mutual desire to enhance our built environment and improve public services.”

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Notes to the editor

1. The DETR was the Department of the Environment Transport and Regions and the DTLR was the Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions.
2. 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.
3. ConstructionSkills is a partnership between CIC, CITB-ConstructionSkills and CITB (NI) as the Sector Skills Council for construction.