

PRESS RELEASE

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New Chairman for the Construction Industry Council

Following the recent Council meeting **Stuart Henderson** has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Construction Industry Council, having been elected at the AGM in 2003. Turlogh O'Brien, CIC's former Chairman, now becomes Deputy Chairman in accordance with CIC's rules & byelaws.

Stuart is Group Commercial Director of Amicus Housing Group Limited, a Registered Social Landlord covering Kent, Sussex and London, overseeing new development, community regeneration, marketing and communications and the Amicus 24/7 customer service centre.

He has a wealth of experience at management and executive director level within development, construction and property, in both public and private sectors, having worked for Parkman plc, Lovell, Trafalgar House and Costain. As a member of the HM Treasury's Private Finance Panel Executive, Stuart worked with government departments, local authorities, schools, colleges, universities and the industry to promote and facilitate progress on a wide range of PFI projects.

He has had a long interest in construction and development education, having served as Chairman of CIOB's Education and Membership Board, as an external examiner and visiting lecturer and has been on the course committees responsible for establishing degrees in residential development at Nottingham Trent and Reading Universities. He was President of the Chartered Institute of Building, a Founder member of the CIC, in 2002/3.

Taking up his new role, Stuart said:

"The primary challenge is to support and encourage the ongoing tide of change in our industry and sometimes cajole those would stand against it. There has been substantial change and extensive innovation to date, but we need more. This will help to make our industry truly world class. The agenda is wide, including recruitment, skills training, health and safety and demonstrating value for money, but all worth the effort that will be required"

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Notes to the Editor

1. 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.
2. ConstructionSkills is a partnership between CIC, CITB-ConstructionSkills and CITB (NI) as the Sector Skills Council for Construction.