

PRESS RELEASE

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CIC appoints Keith Clarke as new Deputy Chairman

The Construction Industry Council has appointed Keith Clarke, Chief Executive of Atkins, as its new Deputy Chairman. Keith succeeds Stuart Henderson in this role, which starts with immediate effect. He will succeed the Rt Hon Nick Raynsford MP as Chairman, for a 2 year term, starting in June 2008.

Keith Clarke, a Chartered Architect, was appointed Chief Executive of Atkins in October 2003. He joined the company from Skanska AB where he was responsible for activities in the UK, Poland, Czech Republic, India and China. He has over 30 years experience in construction and engineering having previously worked for the City of New York, Olympia and York, Trafalgar House and Kvaerner.

He has been an active member of the CIC Chartered College and has been Chairman of the Council's Health and Safety Committee since last year. He will continue in this role until a suitable successor has been appointed.

CIC Chief Executive, Graham Watts, welcomed the appointment, by saying:

"Nick Raynsford was always going to be a hard act to follow as CIC Chairman but in Keith we have found an industry leader who combines astute political skill; a significant strategic overview of the industry; a clear understanding of its priorities for the future; and great integrity. In a year's time, the roles will reverse and Nick will become Keith's Deputy for a year (a role he will combine with chairing the Strategic Forum for Construction in 2008/9). This gives CIC the strongest possible leadership over the next two years and I'm looking forward to interesting and busy times!"

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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.

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