

## CONSTRUCTION LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Thursday 02 November 2017, 14:00 – 16:30  
Conference Centre  
1 Victoria Street  
London SW1H 0ET

### MINUTES – CLC/N011/2017/M11

#### Attendees:

- Lord Henley, (Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at BEIS) – co-chair
- Andrew Wolstenholme, (Crossrail) – co-chair
- Ann Bentley, (Rider Levett Bucknall)
- Mike Chaldecott, (Saint Gobain)
- Fergus Harradence, (BEIS)
- Brian Morrisroe, (AJ Morrisroe & Sons)
- Mike Putnam, (Skanska UK)
- Simon Rawlinson, (Arcadis)
- Mark Reynolds, (Mace)

#### Present by invitation:

- Niall Mackenzie, (BEIS)
- James Gray, (Crossrail)
- David Hancock, (Infrastructure and Projects Authority)
- James Wilson, (BSI)
- Ant Burd, (BSI)
- Richard Wood, (T&T)
- Guy Beaumont, (T&T)

#### Apologies:

- Vincent Clancy, (Turner & Townsend)
- Isabel Dedring, (Arup)
- Tony Meggs, (Infrastructure and Projects Authority)
- Stephen Stone, (Crest Nicholson)

#### Secretariat

- Gavin Fraser, (BEIS)
- Peter Payne, (BEIS)

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## 1) Welcome and Introductions

1.1 The Chair welcomed the new construction Minister to his first CLC.

## 2) Sector Deal Update

2.1 Fergus gave some feedback from the recent 'challenge session' meeting held with Claire Perry (Minister of State for Climate Change and Industry, BEIS). Lord Henley and Andrew were also in attendance.

- There was cross Government support for the principle of a deal but this is subject to a final decision from BEIS Ministers;
- With regard to the content of the deal it was in a very good position in relation to the Innovation Technology and Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund bid. Advice going to Ministers to support that;
- Claire Perry was interested in the sector's strategy in relation to skills – and apprenticeships in particular. She wanted to understand what could be done to encourage the sector to be more diverse in its recruitment and retention of staff and also what could be done to get clearer targets to increase the level of investment in training by the sector;
- She was keen to maximise the 'green' elements of the sector deal and ensure that is aligned with the wider work on this agenda – notably the Clean Growth Strategy.
- There was a push for the CLC to develop an exports strategy as part of the next iteration of the sector deal. . It was agreed that for now, we should simply signpost to existing initiatives, for example Department for International Trade's IE:UK programme

**Action:** Mike Putnam to weave in the work that the GCB has been doing over recent years into the deal's current headings of skills, innovation and procurement.

**Action:** Vince Clancy will be asked to build a set of actions for the next version of the sector deal with the possibility of exports being a fourth theme. For now exports/international should be referenced in Ann Bentley's 'Procuring for Value' strand. .

**Action:** Fergus to draft a paper setting out how Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund money will be allocated and drawn down over the 3 years of the programme

**Action:** BEIS to finalise and share their draft paper of the merits of CITB reform and the apprenticeship levy. This will be used to convey to the wider industry what the combined levies can give and how they deliver better value for the industry.

2.2 Fergus and Mark Reynolds (CLC Skills lead) provided an update on a recent meeting with the Institute for Apprenticeships (IfA). A number of 'Trailblazer'

apprenticeships for construction have been developed and submitted by groups of employers, but are still waiting on IfA approval.

2.3 The aim is to accelerate the first twelve of these through to approval in the next six weeks.

**Action:** Mark to update on progress at the next CLC meeting in January.

### 3) Turner & Townsend Presentation

3.1 T&T went through the work they are doing for the DfT on performance benchmarking. They'd been asked to present a proposal to extend the benchmarking work they are doing into the rest of the industry.

### 4) BSI Presentation

4.1 BSI's presentation focused on the role of standards, what Brexit means for standards and standards in the built environment.

4.2 BSI welcomed CLC support for the continuation of a single UK standards model and also that BSI remain within CEN was of paramount importance.

### 5) Communications

5.1 Three priority areas were identified going forward:

- **Communications** – a regular program of blogs on the CLC website initially linked to the 'strands' of the sector deal;
- **Increasing reach** – using CLC members Linked-In pages to get messages out to the sector;
- **Preparing for the Sector Deal** – rehearsing key messages for stakeholders. Re-engaging with the media, possibly with another CLC dinner to help the CLC drive their program. Agreement that communications be led by the BEIS Communications team

5.2 Two other issues were raised:

- A final leader's conference was suggested with the possibility of attaching it to an event at the MTC which is being held in February/March next year.
- The issue of governance was raised - how the CLC is run, how it governs itself, how it is funded, does it need a dedicated communications body.

**Action:** Fergus to provide a paper on governance for discussion at the next CLC in January.

**Action:** Members were asked to send in any blog suggestions and material for website publication. Particular areas that need pushing are technology in innovation and also procurement for performance.

**Action:** Simon asked for a volunteer communications team to take on the creation and maintenance of a CLC Linked-In page.

## **6) Any Other Business**

### 6.1

- Suggested that the Sector Deal one pager also needs the story or the 'why?' behind it to engage the press;
- Suggestions were welcome from members for items for the January meeting.

6.2 Scheduled meetings for 2018 (*all 14:00-16:30 in the BEIS Conference Centre*) are:-

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March  
Thursday 05<sup>th</sup> July  
Wednesday 07<sup>th</sup> November

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