

CONSTRUCTION LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Thursday 26 September 2019, 14:00 – 17:00
Conference Call

MINUTES – CLC/N020/2019/M20

Attendees:

- Andy Mitchell, (Thames Tideway) – co-chair
- Chris Carr, (Carr & Carr Builders)
- Mike Chaldecott, (Saint Gobain)
- Fergus Harradence, (BEIS)
- Brian Morrisroe, (AJ Morrisroe & Sons)
- Jennifer Whyte, (Imperial College)
- Vincent Clancy, (Turner & Townsend)
- David Pinder, (Baxi)

Present by invitation:

- Simon Hart, (UKRI)
- David Hancock, (Infrastructure and Projects Authority)

Apologies:

- Ann Bentley, (Rider Levett Bucknall)
- Simon Rawlinson, (Arcadis)
- Mark Reynolds, (Mace)
- Stephen Stone, (Crest Nicholson)
- Matthew Vickerstaff, (Infrastructure and Projects Authority)

Secretariat

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

1 Welcomes and introduction

- Apologies received from Ann Bentley, Simon Rawlinson, Mark Reynolds, Stephen Stone and Matthew Vickerstaff.

2 Recent CLC activity

- Readout from recent 'Sector Deal 2.0' workshops – time spent talking on carbon which was the common currency that stuck the conversation together. A paper will be circulated to the CLC in the next few weeks so next steps can be worked out.

- 'Procuring for Value' workshop – Attended by about 45 people, Ann's report (circulated) provides details.
- AMRC event scheduled for 9th October was cancelled as there was nothing substantially more to say since the last event.
- Skills event held, discussion and engagement was held around the underlying themes of 'Attract/Recruit/Retrain'.

3 Upcoming CLC activity

- CLC representation @ UK Construction Week (October) – Andy, Jade Lewis and David Hancock will be chairing sessions. The minister will be attending on the 9th. Requested that notes of those presenting be circulated to check the message is consistent and topics are not repeated. Gavin will try and get the ministers key points and also from a contact at Construction Week the key themes everyone will be covering.
- Andy at North East Construction Summit (2nd Oct) and AMRC (9th October) – **Andy wants to talk about the role the region is going to play.**
- Next meeting of the CLC Advisory Group (28 November) at Thames Tideway offices.
- Andy at HK Expo (December) – invited by the HK Construction Innovation Council which are doing things not dissimilar to what the CLC are. Strategy on rethinking HK construction WILL BE SENT TO Gavin for circulation.
- Active Building Centre – Andy going soon.
- Building and Construction Authority, Singapore – visiting Jennifer on 18 November for a breakfast meeting. Invitation is being extended to the CLC.
- Andy met Nick Smallwood, IPA CEO. He is very focussed on increasing productivity. Nick is scheduled to attend the January CLC.
- There is a BEIS Task Force looking at carbon footprints but this hasn't progressed far. Fundamental questions on benchmarking need answering before getting to 2050 target.

4 Update on the Transforming Construction Programme / TCN+

4.1 The two competitions are now live:

- R&D call ends on the 30 October;
- Demonstrator projects closes 06 November;

- Around 500 people attended the launch event;
- £36M in total available;
- More interest than the first call, applications in 100s;
- Applicants are focusing on sector deal goals;
- Interesting portfolio of projects. Applicants are encouraged to talk to the ABC and CIH to stop similar applications.

5 Update from the Green Construction Board

5.1 David Pinder circulated a recent workstream report:

- Working with BEIS to deliver net zero;
- Part L will be coming out shortly for consultation;
Individual building energy use report needed – a major task which will need government support;
- Working with InnovateUK on retrofit. Looking at scope to work with social landlords to identify and work with them to fill the gap between their retrofits and a deep retrofit. Initial contact with Clarion and others. Working closely with the GPU and NHS estates and their maintenance regime.

5.1.1 Simon Hart disclosed that IUK have data from 5 years ago on retrofit numbers and reports – much is still relevant and available.

5.2 Fergus is also looking at local energy distribution as a more attractive proposal and Jennifer suggested it would be good to link to the Edge community.

5.2.1 It was important for the CLC to be clear with its views on housing, hospitals and schools.

6 Brexit / 'No Deal' preparations

- Planning is on the basis of not leaving on the 31st October - a legal requirement if agreement with the EU isn't reached;
- Re-engaging with the industry – updating guidance, remaining in contact with trade bodies;
- Working with Home Office on the resettlement scheme;
- The skills workstream subcommittee has been meeting tier 1 contractors who have said that the labour situation was not suffering. CITB report on labour came to the same conclusion but

they were worried that people on fixed contracts would be moving elsewhere at the finish of their jobs;

- Chris has been visiting suppliers and they have indicated that they are quite hopeful even with a no deal Brexit;
- Import/export EORI numbers have now been issued;
- New issues around product regulations and certificate EU retest/renewal. Other notified bodies unwilling to accept certificates as they then take on any liability. There is a mixed picture at them moment and feedback is welcomed if anyone sees a gap in the information;
- A weak pound would also put pressure on labour staying in the UK.
- Business readiness/awareness fund of £15m was available;

6 AOB

- The ICE Infrastructure Client Group was looking at governance with the conclusion that it was looking at a membership refresh;
- ACE report due out on the 15 October reflecting on the future direction of the consulting company;
- IP3 Innovation investment opportunities;
- CIC is holding 'Raising the Bar' conferences looking at improving competence. Dame Judith Hackett will be attending.
- By the next CLC the bones of a roadmapping exercise should be available.
- Date of Next meeting: 07 November at BEIS.

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