

Construction Leadership Council
Steering Co-Ordination Group
4th Meeting, Thursday 14th January 2021 15:00-16:00

CLC-SCG/No4/2020/M4 - Minutes

Attendees:

- Andy Mitchell, (Thames Tideway) – chair
- Ann Bentley, (Rider Levett Bucknall)
- Brian Berry, (FMB)
- Fergus Harradence, (BEIS)
- Simon Rawlinson, (Arcadis)
- Mark Reynolds, (Mace)
- Alasdair Reisner, (CECA)
- Hannah Vickers, (ACE)
- Suzannah Nichol, (BuildUK)

Secretariat

- Stuart Young, (BEIS)
- Peter Payne, (BEIS)

Present by Invitation

- Celine Van-Dooren (PwC)

SAG round Up

- Went well with lots of strategic and positive comments.
Suggestions/observations made:
 - Ask IPA for the list of Government priority projects and how they are measured;
 - Must deliver on the measurement of outputs in the Sector Deal;
 - CLC needs to be better at sharing information. Not just between member groups but with wider construction community;
 - Bring in other people's work so CLC isn't trying to do it all itself.
 - Future meetings should focus on a single topic with the big pieces of the strategy document picked out. With a background of 4 or more top topics going ahead;
 - Helping the CLC with its priorities – CLC to be clear with SAG what it needs to support and inform its priorities;
 - SAG should not be dealing with legacy issues. SAG should be considering the future vision of the industry, e.g. updated strategy document containing references to 3-5 year forward look, 2030 vision.

CLC Strategy

- Need to be careful it doesn't become the solution to everyone's problem;
- Eight strategy intersections – treat these as the main topics to be addressed;
- Six priorities that could be worked on and delivered through the working groups and workstreams. Simon agreed to coordinate and take this forward and bring back to this group before the next SAG;

Project Management Office

- Looking to try and find a way to extend funding until end of March.
- Need to find additional funding for 2021/22 FY. Suggestions were:
 - Contributions – professional/trade bodies memberships are down over the last year with current members suggesting reduced fees so this may not be ideal. The sum requested might be a modest amount for some but for others, could be a significant amount- mustn't lose sight of that;
 - Grants etc – need lateral thinking on available pots of cash. Industry match-funding- could be argued the construction community has contributed significantly more in-kind over the last year, than would be asked for. Need to recognise the risk of an external funder wanting to influence CLC's future direction;
 - Levy – fraction of a percent on every HMG project;
- Matched funding argument seems to be best option, asking for cash every year from everyone is unsustainable;
- It needs to be more of a project management function to help SAG challenge more constructively the workstreams;

AOB

Date of next meeting 29 January.