

CLC Connect

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Welcome to CLC Connect, the Construction Leadership Council's new monthly newsletter which will keep you up to date with all things CLC.

Construction is a busy and fast changing industry. From new government policies and game-changing private sector initiatives to emerging technologies and innovative ways of working, there's a lot going on as we strive to grow, improve productivity, attract and retain talent, and successfully transition to Net Zero.

CLC Connect will keep you informed, celebrate success, and help bring us closer together – all in one place each month.

We're really keen to hear your feedback and story ideas so please get in touch via construction.enquiries@beis.gov.uk

Enjoy and thank you for reading.





Monthly Update

Richard Robinson

CEO of Atkins UK and Europe
Deputy Co-Chair to the CLC

Welcome to the first issue of CLC Connect.

Our industry is defined by the vast array of organisations and individuals within it. From the smallest specialist contractors and niche product manufacturers to global consultants and the biggest tier one contractors, we all have a part to play in driving our industry forward, working alongside government.

And as I reflect on the last month or so, it's very encouraging to see the progress we're making as a collective. For example, the **6th Construct2Zero Performance Framework update** included some great case studies from Bradfords Building Supplies and Keltbray amongst others, which bring this progress to life and shows what can be done as construction continues to tackle the carbon challenge.

July also saw the second **Net Zero Council meeting** - convened by Rt Hon Graham Stuart and Department for Energy Security and Net Zero - which brings Government together with business and finance leaders to support the UK's key sectors in the race to net zero.

It was great to discuss best practice and connections across sectors, as well as how best to engage with industry as we look to shape a responsible net zero transition that is pro-business and pro-growth.

As you'll see in this issue, there's also been lots going on across Building Safety, People and Skills, and Next Generation delivery, and we meet one of our Young Ambassadors who is already making a real difference with their ideas and energy.

Our industry is on the cusp of a wholesale transformation that will help to shape our country's economic success and growth over the next decade. Yes, there are challenges, but this is an exciting time and one of huge opportunity.

With that, I'd like to thank you for taking the time to read this issue of CLC Connect which I hope you find informative and interesting.

Thanks
Richard





Young Ambassador Spotlight

Lydia McGuinness

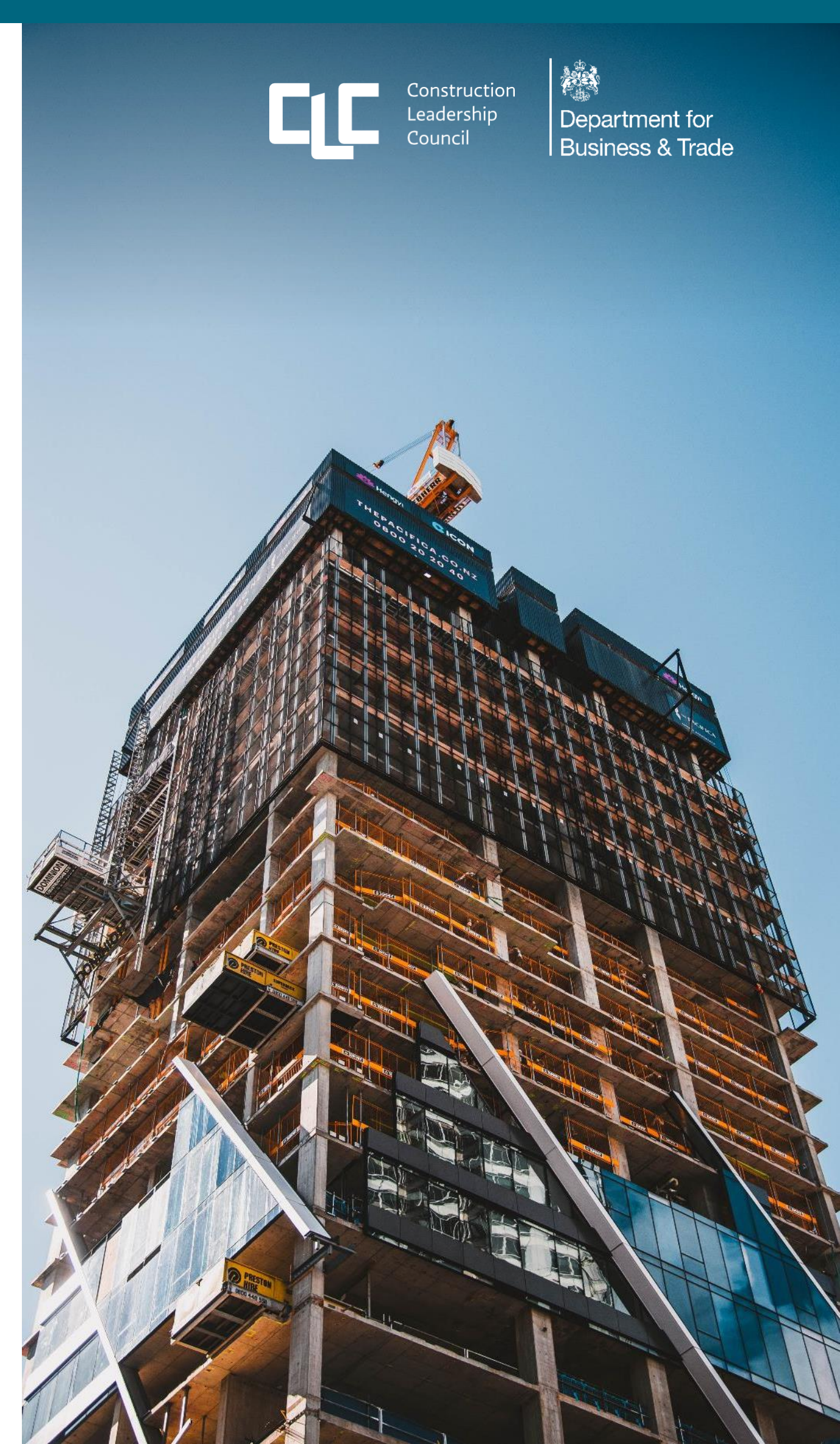
Apprentice at Wates
Young Ambassador for People and Skills

“You need to go to Uni Lydia if you want to be successful, you can’t do that through an apprenticeship’ were the words of my Mum when I told her I was leaving Sixth Form to start my apprenticeship journey in Construction. Fast forward 8 years, I am now a Site Manager who has a first class honours degree apprenticeship with no student debt, and a mum who couldn’t be prouder.

If I would have told my younger self that she’d be spending every day in a hard hat, hi-vis and steel toe cap boots, I know she wouldn’t have believed me. Working in Construction was never an option presented to me at school, and like many other people, I came into construction not knowing anything about the industry.

I can proudly say that although I fell into the Construction Industry, I very quickly fell in love with it.

Firstly, I am honoured to have been given the role as young ambassador for people and skills, and I’m really looking forward to working with the Network. I think it’s amazing that the CLC want to hear the voice and opinions of young people because it is fundamental in making the right change for our future. Since joining the CLC, I have spent time learning about the different work streams within the people and skills network, and understanding how I can make an impact and be an advocate to achieve the targets.





CLC Priority Progress

People + Skills from our Young Ambassador

Lydia McGuinness

Apprentice at Wates
Young Ambassador for People and Skills

What I have been doing in the People and Skills space of CLC...

Two weeks ago, I attended the UK Government's 'Skills for Growth' Business Connect event, where me and 19 other young ambassadors spoke to HR directors and CEO's about our experience as apprentices, undertaking t-levels and the skills bootcamps. It was amazing to hear about the inspiring career journeys from the young ambassadors, and opened my eyes to how many real examples there are of young people that are thriving in Construction.

We have recently issued the 2023/24 Skills Plan, and had a Skills Webinar to Launch it. I spoke along with the Industry Sponsor, Nick Roberts from Travis

Perkins and also the Workstream Leads. I have been blown away by all the amazing work the CLC are doing, which is clearly showcased within the Skills Plan.

I want to ensure that we drive it forward, while still listening to the voice of young people or those wanting to start a new career in Construction, because they are our target audience.

I can really see the potential over the next 12 months of connecting the CLC People and Skills Network with the Construction Young Professional Networks that I am involved with, to collaborate and achieve the targets set by the skills plan.



CLC Priority Progress

Net Zero and Biodiversity

CO2nstruct Zero

The [CZ 6th Performance Framework Report](#) has been launched. This provides the CLC with a sector level dashboard on our progress towards Net Zero aimed at motivating businesses to action and to help those outside the sector understand our progress.

We have also published our [CZ Zero Diesel Roadmap](#). The launch took place on HS2's Old Oak Common Station construction site, which is progressing towards cleaner construction as part of HS2's target for all its sites to be diesel-free by 2029. To view the roadmap, [please click here](#).

Other CLC News:

Lower Thames Crossing - [use hydrogen powered construction machinery](#)

[Our Shared Understanding: a circular economy in the built environment](#)

Green Construction Board

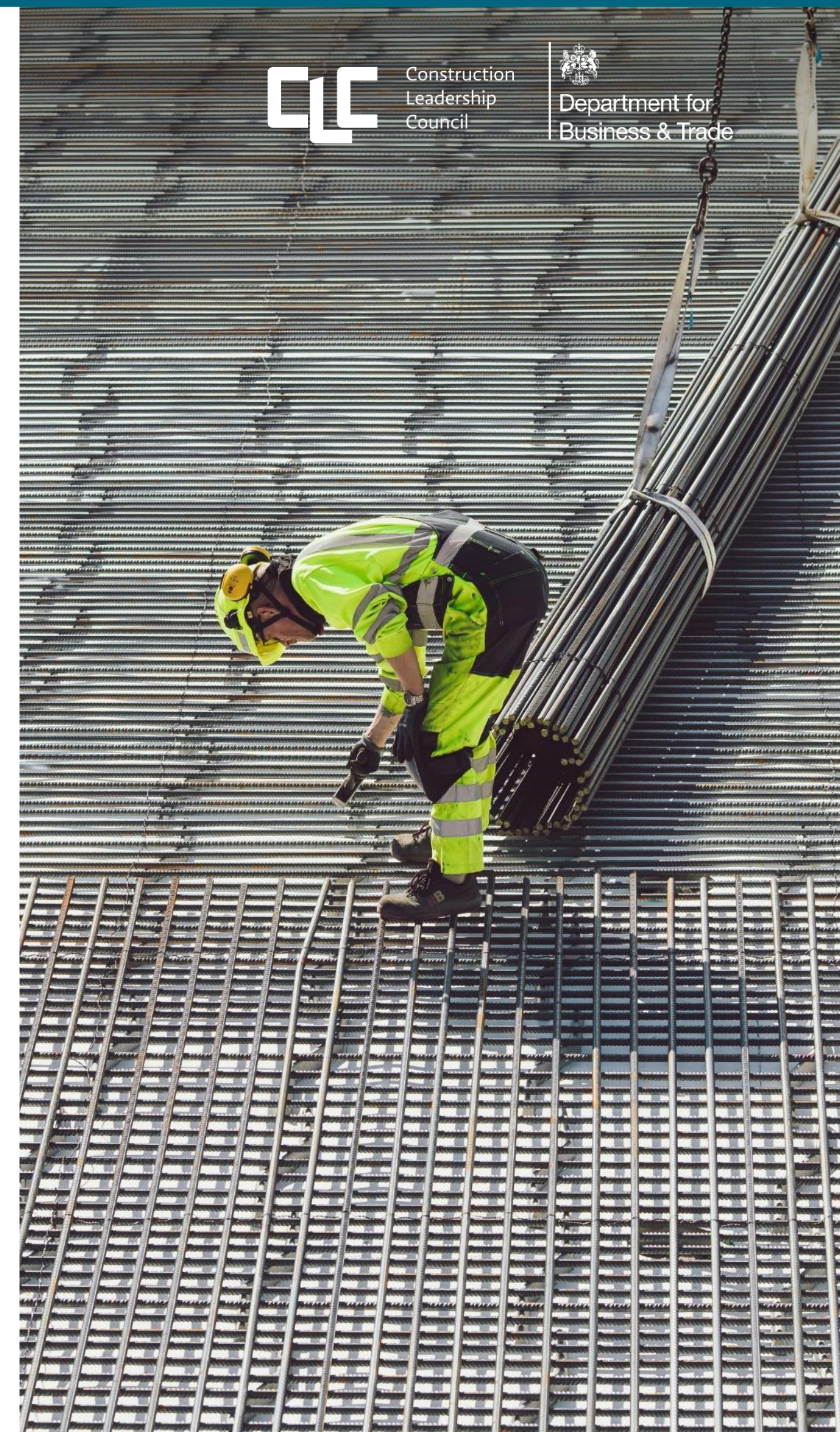
Last month saw new records set for temperatures across the UK. Such conditions make it increasingly important that firms do what they can to save water wherever possible. To help with this, the Green Construction Board has prepared handy advice on behalf of the Construction Leadership Council that can be used by firms of all sizes to cut their water use. Download a copy of the [Water Saving Tips and Toolbox Talk](#).

National Retrofit Hub

As a strategic partner of CLC are pleased to see their working groups in action, to accelerate the delivery of housing retrofit at scale.

To keep up to date on the National Retrofit Hub, take a look at their latest [news here](#).

The National Retrofit Hub seeking to provide practical tools and information through knowledge hub. Please complete the [knowledge hub survey](#).



CLC Priority Progress

Next Generation Delivery

Platforms and Performance

This workstream has been newly created with the primary aim to support industry and government develop and implement platforms approaches to construction. This requires setting up the right ecosystem to allow new processes to take place.

Recent consultation with industry by the Construction Innovation Hub has highlighted the need for further details on platform deployment - the 'what' and the 'how'. Some insightful publications in response to this include:

Akerlof's 'Platforms in the Wild' which outlined the principles of how Tier 1's might look to leverage their scale through platform-based approaches to deliver improved outcomes.

Mott MacDonald and Construction Innovation Hubs **'Value of Platforms in Construction'** providing an economic and qualitative analysis of the mass implementation of Product Platforms, as recommended by government policy.

Business Models

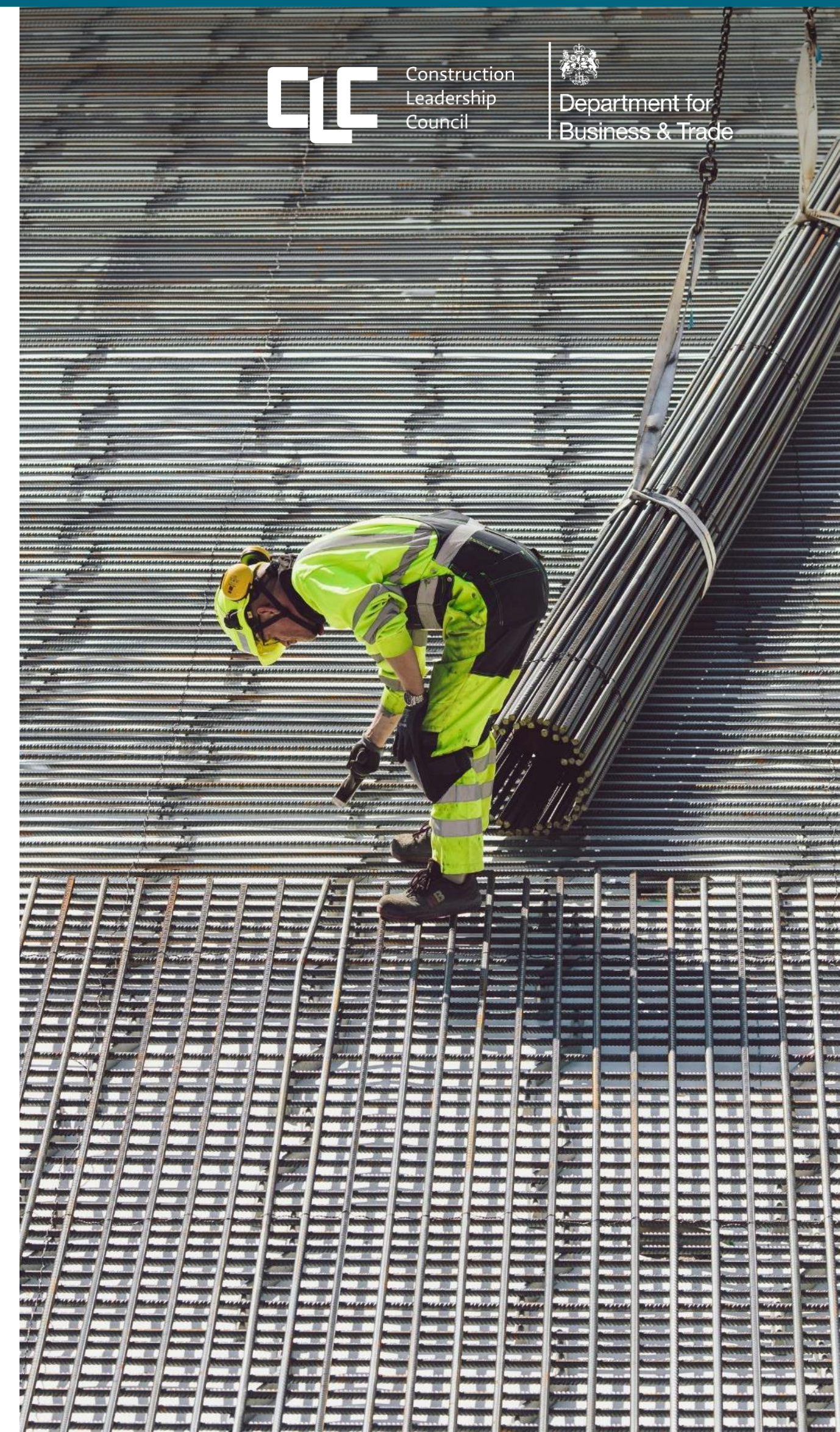
NEC Annual Conference Workshop

In November 2022, the CLC in collaboration with NEC published joint guidance to industry on the use of retention clauses under NEC3 and NEC4 Engineering and Construct Contracts, and sub-contracts. The workshop explored this guidance on how NEC contract suites deal with defective work and retentions, and to explain that a retention fund may not, in fact, be needed.

Links to recent Fair Payment resources:

[Contract Terms Recommendations](#) - Updated guidance by Build UK

The Construction Leadership Council [Business Models and Fair Payment Workstream](#)



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Building Safety

Building Safety Guide – CLC has endorsed Build UK’s Guide to Building Safety Regime.

The comprehensive guide, which is being regularly updated as secondary legislation and supporting guidance is published, includes information on:

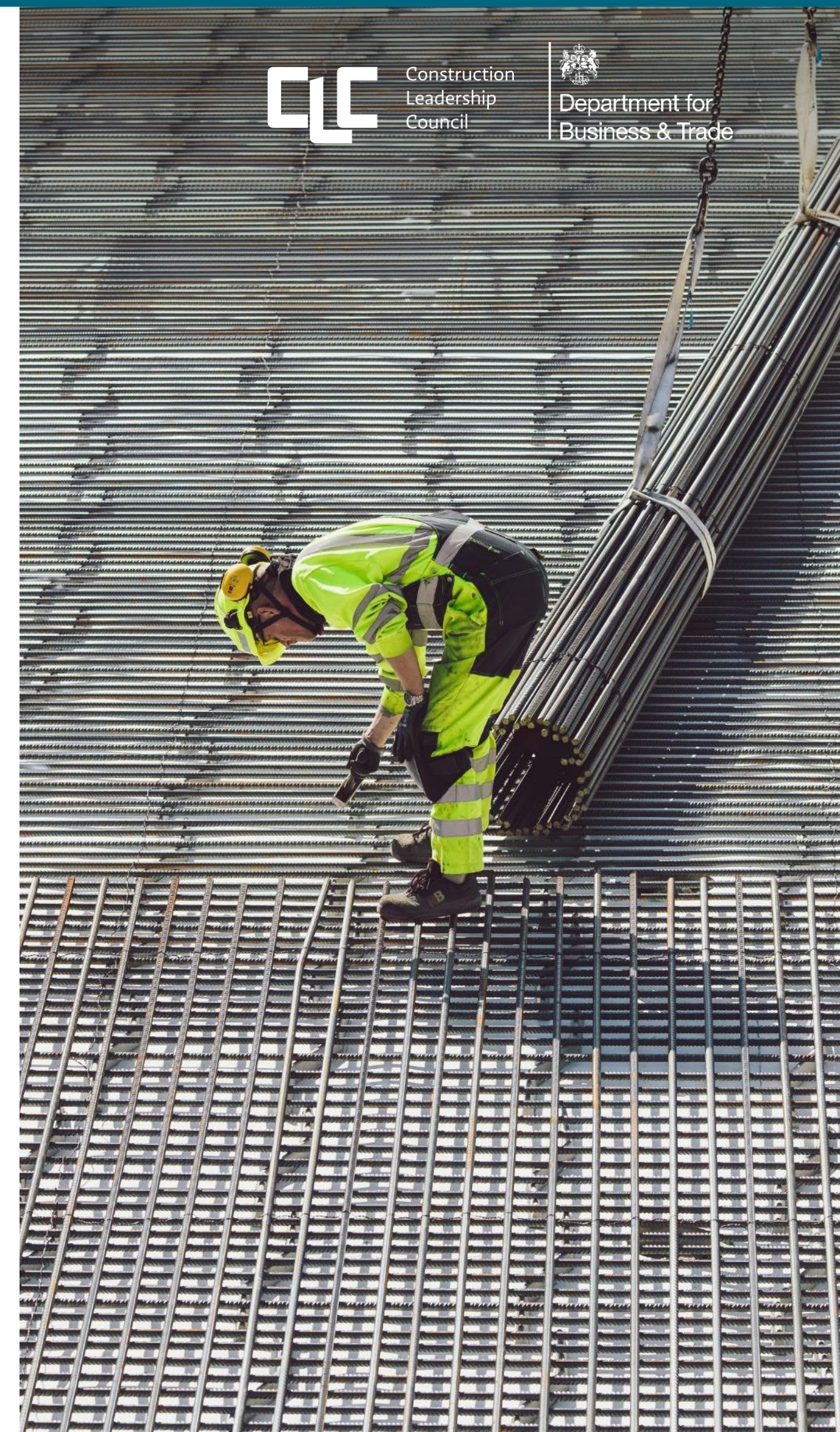
- New bodies that will provide effective oversight of the new regime;
- New responsibilities for all those who design, build, own or manage Higher-Risk Buildings;
- New systems designed to improve levels of competence and raise standards of building safety;
- Existing legislation which will be reformed; and
- Other activities outside the scope of the Act but related to building safety.

Build UK has also published a timeline showing at a glance when the key changes are taking effect.

Construction Products – The Construction Products Association (CPA) has produced its response to the Independent Review of the Construction Products Testing Regime by Paul Morrell OBE and Anneliese Day KC. The briefing paper outlines how the CPA intends to respond to this report, as well as how they hope to work with the Government moving forward.

Competence - The Installer Phase 1 Pilot Report was published in May 2023, focusing on 6 pilot installer sectors. Phase One sets a baseline to identify shortfalls and considers the changes needed to create competence frameworks.

Each sector is now developing sector-specific competence frameworks. The report calls for other installer sectors to begin their own competence journey.



HMG Policy Updates

UK Government announces extension of CE mark recognition for businesses

Last week, the Department for Business and Trade (DBT) announced an indefinite extension to the use of CE marking for businesses, applying to 18 regulations owned by DBT.

This announcement does not apply to construction products, which are the responsibility of the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC). Therefore, the position for construction products remains unchanged from that set out at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/construction-products-regulation-in-great-britain>, and recognition of the CE mark for construction products in Great Britain will continue until 30th June 2025. We are working closely with DLUHC on their proposals for wider reform of the construction products regime, which will be published in due course.

Proposals to boost housing delivery

The Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities announced a long-term plan for housing. The CLC supports the over-arching objective to unlock housing delivery in the UK and ensure that new homes are beautiful, safe, sustainable and of high quality, and create communities and places that people want to live in.

The CLC has written to Mr Gove setting out a series of concerns around building safety and housing delivery, through unlocking the planning system. The CLC believes there is a significant opportunity to build more safe, beautiful and decent homes. However, without close and urgent collaboration between Government and industry, the prospect of the transformation being sought may be lost and the industry's ability to deliver will be further weakened. The CLC has offered to work with Mr Gove and officials to take this forward.



HMG Policy Updates

TIP BAU

IPA’s Project Futures Team are driving the implementation of TIP with a focus on TIP BAU 2025.

This sets out our ambitions for: value-led, data-driven project delivery. This vision is to drive the necessary changes we need to collectively make the TIP Roadmap to 2030 a reality.

For more detail on the progress being made towards this goal so far and how are ambition a reality, see our one pager or please contact the Project Futures Team: projectfutures@ipa.gov.uk

Amendments to the Payment Practices and Performance

Regulations 2017 - The CLC welcomes the Government’s proposals to improve industry payment practices and cashflow. The recent consultation (which closed at the end of April) seeks to address challenges within the current payment landscape and is part of a wider suite of SME focused legislative change.

The CLC response indicated that industry supports reforms to improve payment behaviours date and was open to further policy change if proportionate. Further information can be found [here](#).

Version 1.2

Infrastructure and Projects Authority

TIP BAU 2025

value-led, data-driven project delivery

- Transforming Infrastructure Performance (TIP)** is the government’s flagship programme to drive a step-change in infrastructure performance, increasing productivity, reducing costs and radically improving the sustainability of projects.
- To drive the necessary changes to meet our commitments in the [TIP Roadmap to 2030](#), we must be on track for business as usual (BAU) on our deliverables as described below. This sets out our vision of ‘**TIP BAU 2025: value-led, data-driven project delivery**’. To achieve this, we must all lead a collective change and **embed TIP in everything we do**.

3. TIP Themes: TIP has 5 focus areas setting out key actions.

| Data & Insight | Business & Delivery Models | Market Capacity & Productivity | Environment & Sustainability | Building Expertise & Capability |
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| e.g. digital maturity (project data analytics, BIM), benchmarking | e.g. Modern Methods of Construction, The Construction Playbook | e.g. Government Construction Metrics, Industry skills and market capacity | e.g. Whole Life Carbon Methodologies, Design Principles, Value Toolkit, Sustainability Indicators | e.g. Development of SRGs and PD roles, Project Data Analytics, People and Culture |

4. What will be different when we have reached TIP BAU 2025?

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| 1. BIM used to plan and prioritise delivery and optimise operation. 2. Project Delivery community is powered by Project Data Analytics and embraces AI. 3. Benchmarking Data used x-Government. | 1. Construction Playbook implementation. 2. Adopting a manufacturing-led approach to public projects to the areas where it will add the most value. | 1. A clear Pipeline of projects that supports industry, providing industry confidence to invest in skills and innovation. 2. Active responses to any market and skills constraints and opportunities. | 1. Carbon reduction plan for new procurements. 2. Project success rooted in delivery of benefits and outcomes for society and environment. 3. Sustainability embedded in project delivery processes. | 1. Upskill in project data analytics and psychological safety through all levels across the PD profession. 2. Connect and collaborate using data analytics to accelerate learning. |
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5. Your role in TIP BAU 2025

- Make real the [Construction Playbook](#) - ensuring full compliance
- Inspire others through your best practice and connect across departments - your job isn’t done until you’ve helped embed your great work across the community!
- Embed TIP measures into all that you do
- Ask the IPA Project Futures Team for help if you’re stuck
- Show off your successes at TIP Live in Autumn 2023

6. TIP successes so far

- ★ Launching the Value Toolkit across government to enable outcomes-led delivery
- ★ IPA’s new [Benchmarking Data Service](#) realised
- ★ Whole Life Carbon assessments, standards set and mandated for major projects
- ★ Pioneering use of technology to gain insight and data on how project teams feel
- ★ Metrics established to measure project performance in construction
- ★ Great case studies and examples of [BIM](#), [MMC](#), and [digitalisation](#)

For more information, contact the Project Futures Team: projectfutures@ipa.gov.uk

HMG Policy Updates

Building Safety

- **Responsible Actors Scheme (RAS)** - On 3 July 2023, regulations to establish this Scheme for residential developers under sections 126-129 of the Building Safety Act 2022 passed into law. The Government intends to launch the Scheme in Summer 2023. More information can be found [here](#).
- **Fire Safety Responsibilities** - Guidance is available for people who have responsibilities under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 which has been amended by Section 156 of the Building Safety Act. Understand your new duties for fire safety when they come into force on 1 October 2023. More information can be found [here](#).
- **Registration of High-Rise Residential Buildings** - Principal accountable persons must register high-rise buildings before 1 October 2023. Applications to register are open and Key Building Information (KBI) can now be entered on the registration portal. Full guidance on buildings that need to be registered has also been published. More information can be found [here](#) and [here](#).
- **Planning Gateway One (PGO)** - Guidance published on the Planning Portal website ensures full understanding of the PGO service and supports the greatest level of consideration for fire safety

through the planning process. More information can be found [here](#).

- **Regulating the Building Control Profession** - The Code of Conduct for Registered Building Inspectors (RBIs) and Professional Conduct Rules for Registered Building Control Approvers (RBCAs) has now been published. All Building Inspectors, public and private sector, must comply with the Code of Conduct coming into force in April 2024. The Professional Conduct Rules apply to Registered Building Control Approvers. More information can be found [here](#) and [here](#). The BSR has also [announced](#) two independent provider schemes for building control professionals to take the first step in becoming registered building inspectors.

Links to recent Building Safety resources

- Sign up to the [Building Safety Regulator's Ebulletin](#)
- [Guide to Managing Safety-Critical Elements in Building Construction](#) - CIOB/RIBA
- [Independent Review of the Construction Product Testing Regime](#) - Paul Morrell OBE and Anneliese Day KC
- The Construction Leadership Council [Building Safety Workstream](#)



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