

CLC Connect

August 2024

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Welcome to CLC Connect, the Construction Leadership Council's Bi-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.

We're keen to hear your feedback and story ideas so please get in touch via:

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Enjoy and thank you for reading.



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Bi- Monthly Update

Mark Reynolds

Group Chairman and CEO, Mace

Welcome to the August 2024 edition of the CLC Newsletter.

I would like to begin with welcoming Sarah Jones MP, as [our new Co-Chair](#).

The Minister reached out within days of her appointment and joined our July CLC Board meeting to reaffirm the Government's plans for our sector and how we can contribute to their 'mission-driven' growth strategy.

We look forward to working closely with her over the next few years.

Alongside the wider progress made across the workstreams – summarised in this newsletter – it is already clear the change of government will bring opportunities for construction.

During the campaign, the CLC published a letter to the future government outlining our areas of recommended focus. It is welcome that the new administration has clearly taken on board our proposals around planning, housebuilding, and other areas.

So far Government's engagement with business has been exemplary.

We have already met with the Chancellor twice in her first week of office, to discuss planning, infrastructure and how our sector can help to unlock growth; and have also heard from the Business Secretary that he is committed to engaging closely with companies of all sizes and how important the Industrial Strategy will be for the next five years.

The devil, as ever, will be in the detail, but the CLC is well-positioned to ensure that as this Government begins to deliver its agenda that there is a mutual understanding of the importance of our industry, what we need from the Government and how we can help to support their 'missions' over the next five years.

More broadly we believe that we have collectively made major progress on several fronts over the past six months, from building safety to skills, and that our good work will be reenergised by the new government – and the consistency of the brilliant team at DBT will ensure we keep up the pace on the areas that matter.

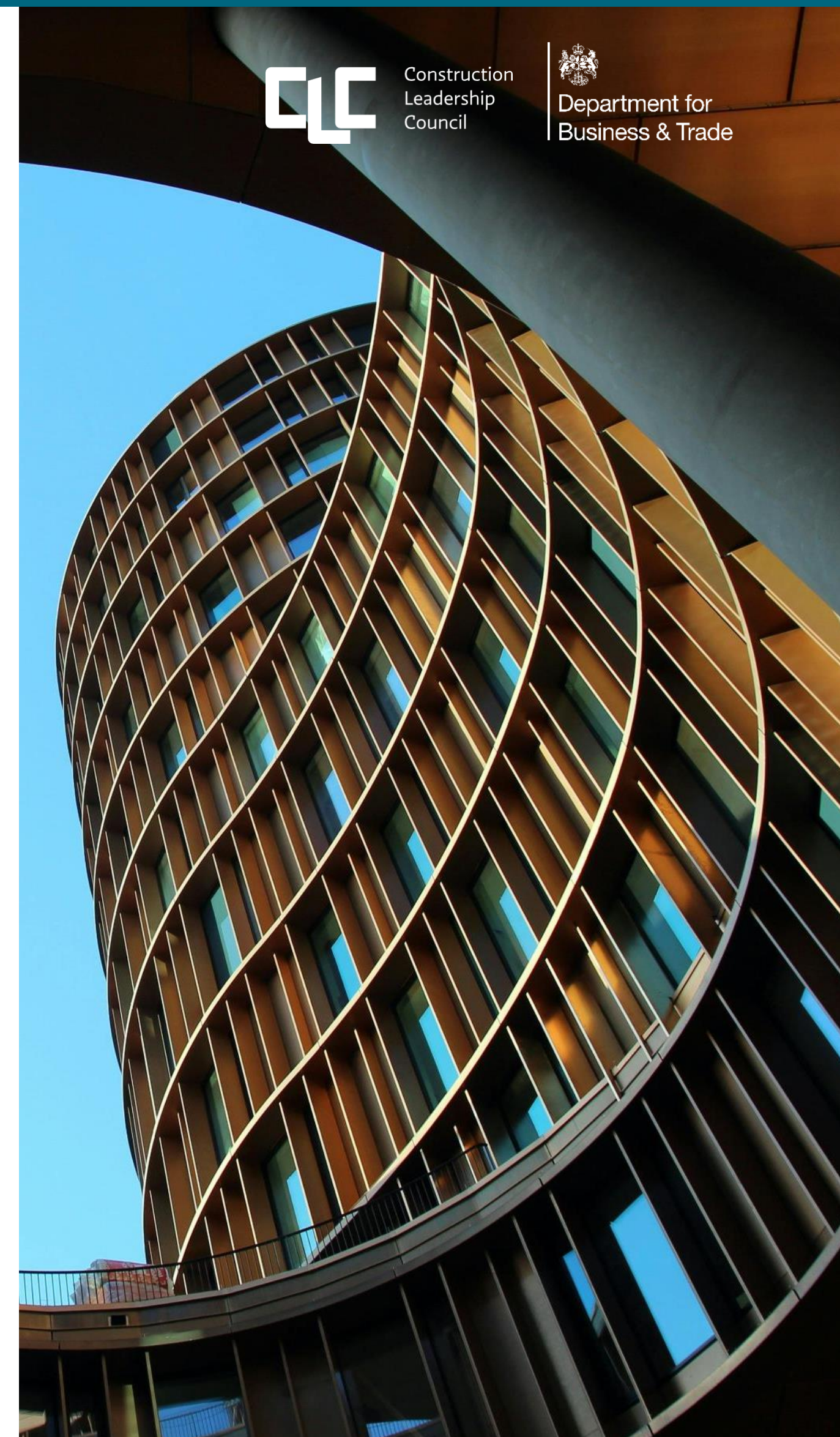
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Materials Supply Chain Group

Continues to [update](#) the industry on the current pinch points in the supply chain.

Health, Safety and Wellbeing (HS&W)

The CLC are committed to fostering a safe and healthy construction industry through the work that we do to support sustainable industry growth. We have recently established a dedicated CLC HS&W Group to understand the key industry health, safety and wellbeing priorities and work with relevant industry bodies to target and resolve key issues. The group will be looking at how we enhance the sharing of data to enable better risk management, along with building stronger occupational health and mental health.

Supporting mental health in construction must continue to be a key focus in our sector. We are working in partnership with the

Univ. of Warwick and several industry groups and organisations to run a series of on site focus groups. These have been set up to hear the stories and experiences of working in construction, and critically, what the onsite workforce want to see change to reduce psychosocial risk and foster good mental health. Feedback from these sessions along with other industry evidence and research will inform our thinking on how we work across industry to take a systems thinking approach to

deal with root causes of issue and how we can use our convening power to have a positive impact.

Five Client Carbon Commitments

CO₂nstructZero is calling upon clients to act with the launch of our [Five Client Carbon Commitments](#) – simple, practical steps show how you are reducing your carbon emissions.

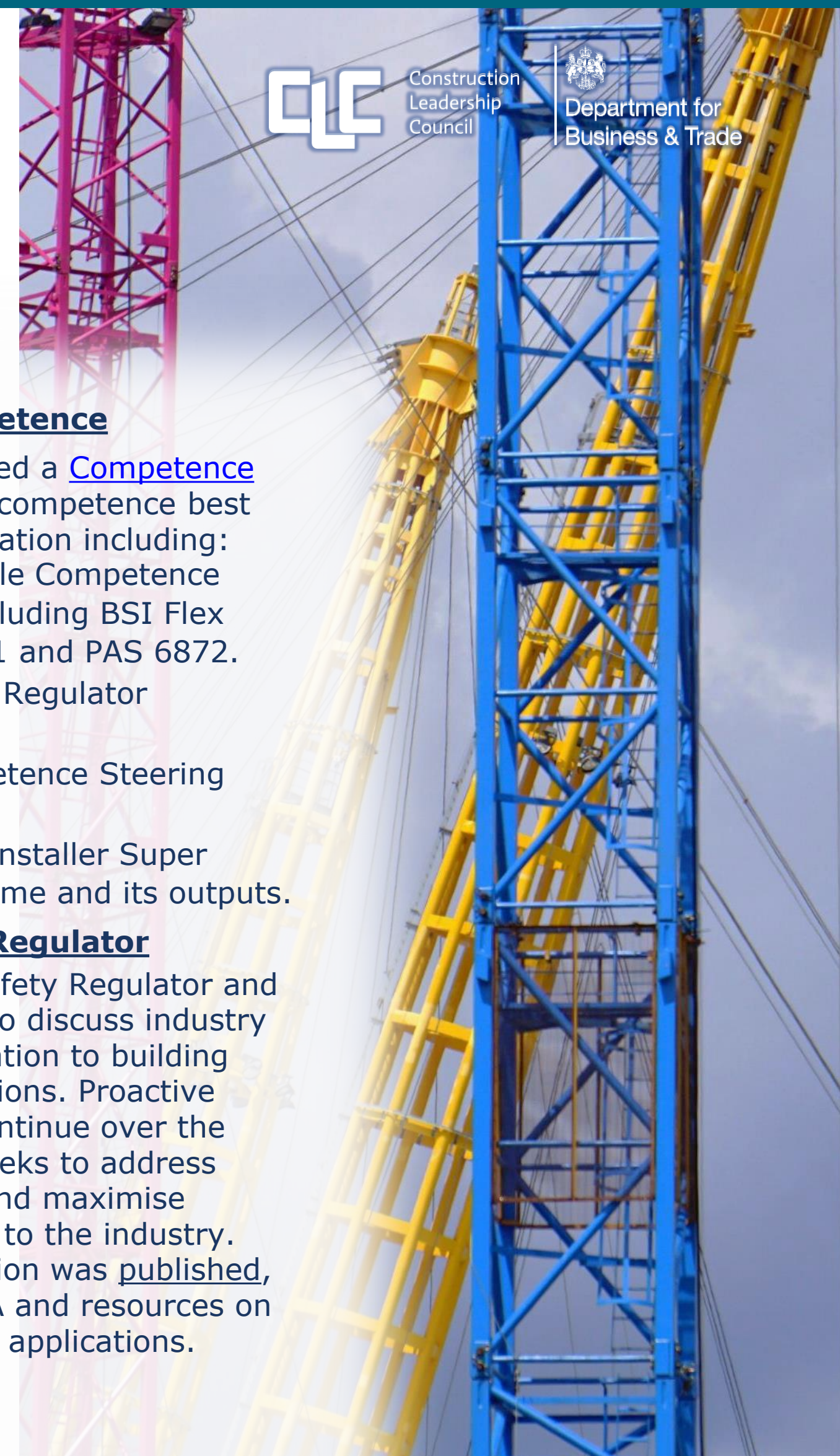
Individual Competence

The CLC has created a [Competence Page](#) with current competence best practice documentation including:

- Publicly Available Competence Documents, including BSI Flex 8670, PAS 8671 and PAS 6872.
- Building Safety Regulator guidance.
- Industry Competence Steering Group outputs.
- Details on the Installer Super Sector programme and its outputs.

Building Safety Regulator

- The Building Safety Regulator and CLC have met to discuss industry concerns in relation to building control applications. Proactive dialogue will continue over the forthcoming weeks to address priority areas and maximise communication to the industry. Latest information was [published](#), including a Q&A and resources on building control applications.



CLC Priority Progress

Net Zero and Biodiversity

CO₂nstruct Zero (CZ) Business Champions and Partners

- Recent companies who have been successful in the last Business Champion applications have been - Curo Construction, Grow Forward, Roberts Group, Fosroc, Robertson, SMT GB, Fourfront Group, M&J Evans Construction, Wills Bros.



- Recent Business Partner signatories have been Global Steel Climate Council, Houses of Parliament: Restoration & Renewal and YB Fixings Ltd.



CZ Framework Publication

- The 8th publication is progressing well and is due out after post the July 4th election.

CZ Five Client Carbon Commitments

- CO₂nstruct Zero is calling upon clients to act with the launch of our [Five Client Carbon Commitments](#) – simple, practical steps that organisations can take to show how they are reducing their carbon emissions and by when.
- The Five Client Carbon Commitments are:
 1. Procure for low carbon construction and provide incentives in our contracts.
 2. Set phase out dates for fossil fuel use.
 3. Eliminate the most carbon intensive concrete products.
 4. Eliminate the most carbon intensive steel products.
 5. Adopt PAS 2080, Carbon Management in Infrastructure, as a common standard.
- Six organisations - Anglian Water, Heathrow, the Lower Thames Crossing, National Highways, Northumbrian Water and Sellafield Ltd have taken the bold step to be the first to sign-up – and invite other organisations to join them.





Getting to know you...

Hayley Arckless
AMPD Energy

UK and Ireland Country Manager

A CO₂nstruct Zero Business Champion since Round 13 of the programme.

AMPD Energy has created 'The Enertainer' a product to support the industry's electrification efforts, which helps reduce direct emissions at construction sites, *'lose the nasty fumes, loud noise and high operational costs of diesel'*.



[Ampd Energy](https://www.ampdenergy.co.uk)

Tell us what your role is in a nutshell?

I'm Hayley Arckless, the UK and Ireland Country Manager for AMPD Energy. I see my role as removing as many diesel generators as possible from construction sites. More practically, it's my job to find homes for our battery technology solution in the region, inform the construction sector about the incredible zero emission solution available today, and help my business adapt and iterate our product to bring the most value back to our customers.

Why did you become a CZ Business Champion?

I became a CZ Business Champion to connect with likeminded individuals who are committed to a better future for construction. I have learned so much about the passion, dedication and innovation coming to this industry which I find incredibly inspiring.

What is your proudest Net Zero moments so far this year?

Our proudest UK Net Zero moment so far is removing 1080kVA of diesel generators off a single construction site and saving our customer over £100,000 at the same time!

Tell us an interesting fact about you or the business you represent?

We are very proud to have been named finalists in the 2022 Earthshot Prize, for the 'Clean our Air' category. It was an honour to be recognised by this esteemed charity for all our hard work!

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Net Zero and Biodiversity – The Green Construction Board

Adaptation And Resilience Work

- The GCB is taking forward Action 4 – Climate Risks to Building Fabric – in the National Adaptation Programme (NAP 3), working with DBT and Defra. It has established this group which will draw on other GCB workstreams and collaborate with UKGBC, which is developing a Resilience roadmap.

Biodiversity Roadmap

- Launched in April, the GCB's Biodiversity and Environmental Gain (BENG) Working Group has been taking forward the implementation of the roadmap including working with industry to help them meet the 10% biodiversity net gain target and beyond. BENG is also undertaking several outreach activities, including through awards and webinars, to create biodiversity and environmental awareness across different professions and groups. BENG has set up the following task groups: funding and green finance, metric development, operational management, digital and upskilling.

If you are interested in joining the Adaptation and Resilience Working Group or any task group please contact [Olu Fasan](#).

Low Carbon Concrete Group

- Since the launch of the [Low Carbon Concrete Routemap](#) the LCCG has been working through several workstreams. One of the critical areas of the group is the development of the [BSI Flex 350 Standard for Low Carbon Concrete](#) Ver1. Ver2 is being reviewed and is expected to be finalised in Q3 2024. Getting insurers to underwrite LCC has been one the remaining barriers to the deployment of the technology. The LCCG has been tackling this through a risk management workstream, which has been engaging with underwriters to get them on board.

National Retrofit Hub

- The first meeting in February attracted 497 people, who continue to support the work of the hub, which is delivering outputs through six working groups, including the introduction of a resource developed in collaboration with the Residential Logbook Association - "[Digital Building Logbooks And Retrofit: An Introduction](#)", which supports retrofit initiatives nationwide. The NRH has also been active on skills with the Workforce Growth and Skills Development group which is producing a Qualification and Training Map. Find out more [here](#).



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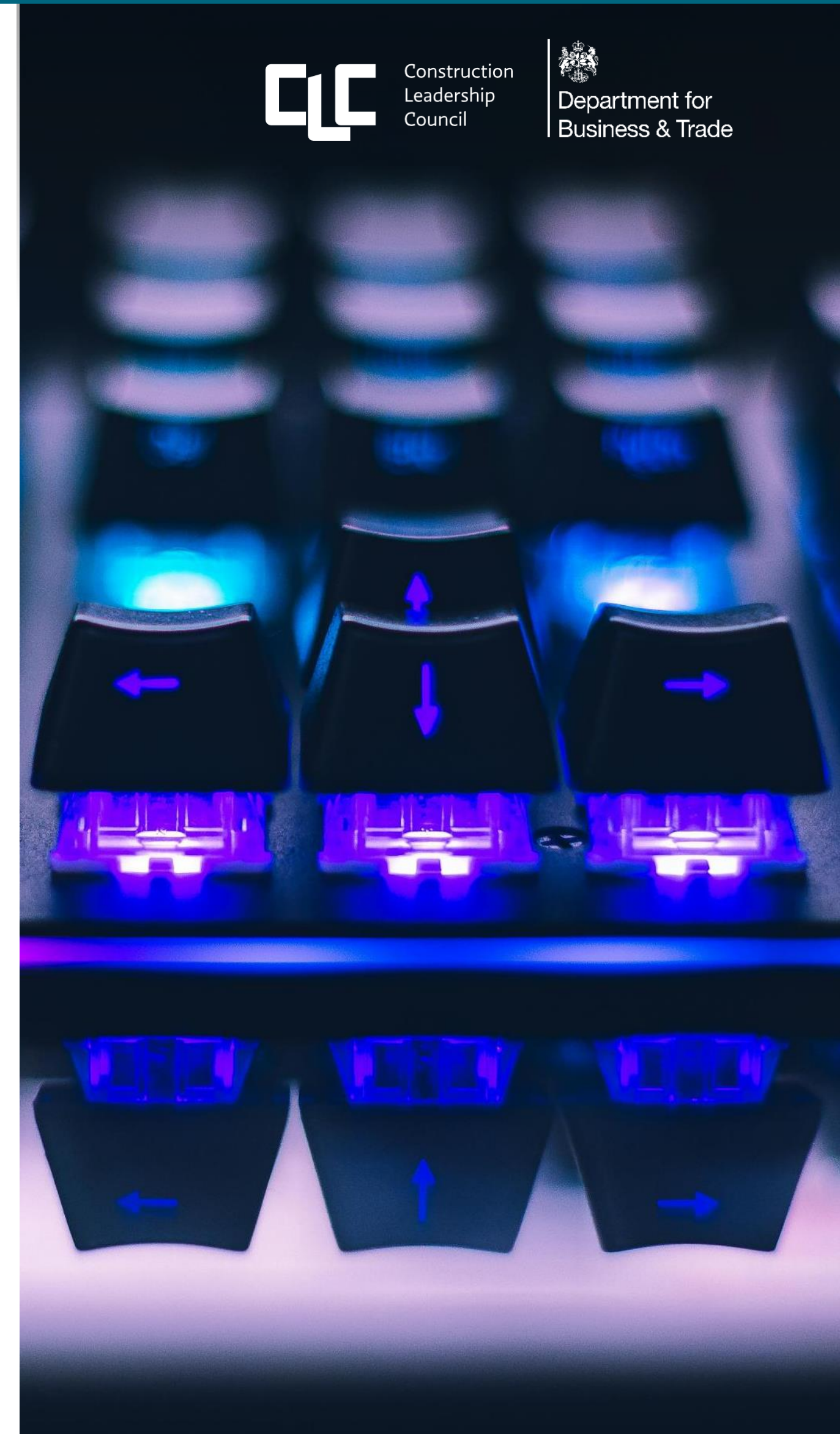
Next Generation Delivery

Data and Digital

- The Data & Digital team have included members from the C-Tech club to assure SME technology providers help support SME technology providers to engage with the CLC workstreams.
- The CLC's Data & Digital team have re-launched the 'CLC Digital Connect' series with the latest episode '[Having the confidence to chase your dreams](#)' discussing with Amber Swift - Performance Insight Analyst and Women in Tech Lead at Northumbrian Water Group's, personal journey into the UK water sector, which is planning a significant construction scale up over the next 5 years.
- The team remain busy with the Information Management Mandate Task Group, particularly with the increased awareness on the back of the Digital Construction Week. Continued positive engagement across the sector reinforces the importance of this project.

C-Tech Club

- A global, not-for-profit community open to the founders and CEOs of construction technology start-ups have published a '[Catalogue of Construction. Technology Types](#)' which has a particular emphasis on the type of data associated with each construction technology tool.



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Building Safety

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Building Safety (continued)

Competence

- A new resources page on individual competence has been published on the [CLC website](#).
- The Building Safety Act 2022, together with supporting secondary legislation, has introduced a new regulatory regime, which requires the engagement of everyone working in the built environment, not just those involved in higher-risk buildings. This includes new duties on individuals and organisations that commission, design, construct or refurbish buildings, to ensure they comply with Building Regulations. Duty holders, individuals and organisations, are required to be competent to undertake their roles.
- The Industry Competence Steering Group (ICSG) and those working within the groups, are leading the development competence frameworks for individuals. The CLC is supporting the ICSG Installer Working Group, established to address competence issues in the installer sector, focussing on the development of competence frameworks.
- The CLC is aware of the important role that installers play in the Built Environment and has created the **Super Sector Programme** to deliver competence frameworks across sectors.
- The Programme, launched in October 2023, was set up to maximise the process for the creation of installer competence frameworks and deliver, at scale, collaborative competence across industry, working on a structured approach to competence framework delivery with the support of industry.
- The Programme is categorised into 5 Super Sectors: **Envelope, Engineering Services, Interiors, Civils and Structure**.
- More detail on the Super Sector Programme including the publicly available completed competence frameworks (**Dry Lining, Fire Stopping, Roofing, Tilers, Slaters and Roof Slaters & Tilers, Thermal Insulation, Asbestos and Rainscreen Façade Systems, Fire Detection & Alarms**) are on the [CLC website](#).
- For any further information or enquiries on how to participate in the Programme, please contact Programme Director: [Faye Burnett](#).

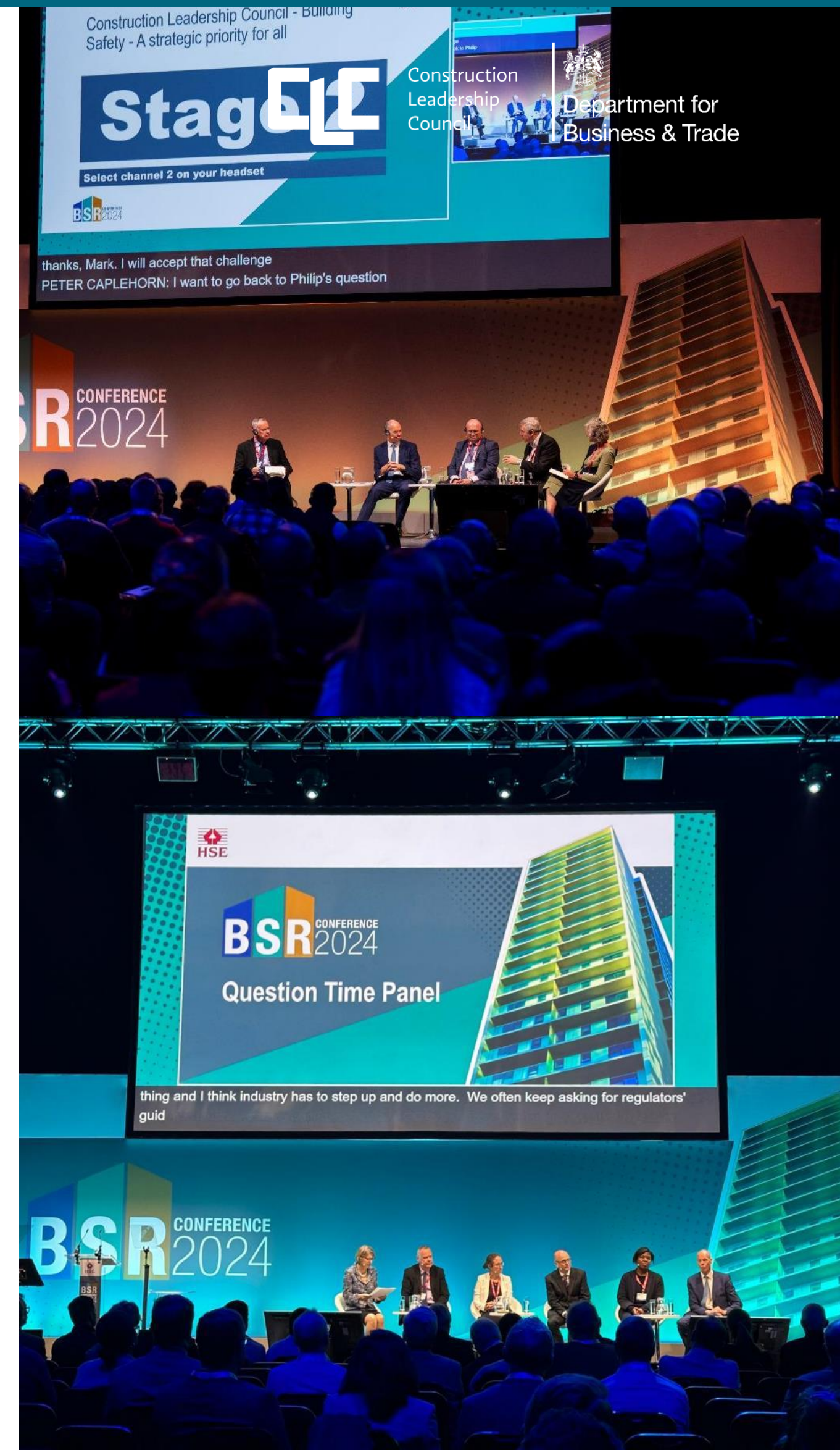


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Building Safety (continued)

Building Safety Conference

- The Building Safety Regulator (BSR) held its second building safety conference in Birmingham on Tuesday 21 May. The conference marked a major milestone for the BSR as the new building safety regime was fully established in law in April. With over 1,300 delegates in attendance, the conference provided a platform for industry leaders, regulators and resident representatives to discuss the ongoing transformation of the building safety landscape.
- The Construction Leadership Council was delighted to participate in this event delivering 3 panel sessions with support from key industry representatives and Mark Reynolds, CLC Co-chair joining a leader's question panel to conclude the event. CLC panel discussions covered:
 - Building Safety – A Strategic Priority for All;
 - What is the Golden Thread of Information and what does it mean for you and your building?; and
 - The Industry Competence Steering Group (ICSG) Working Group 2 – Installer Group and the Wider Context of Competence.
- The conference centred on building safety as a cornerstone of the built environment and the call for industry to step up and commit to change.
- The CLC Building Safety Strategic Priority supports these key messages. The CLC aims to champion and support delivery of safe and high-quality buildings for those who live and work in them. The building safety agenda is for everyone working in the built environment, not just those involved with work on higher risk buildings. Industry leadership and adoption is paramount to achieve not only regulatory compliance but long-lasting change. This was seen in improvements to occupational health and safety over the last 20 years – the same must now be demonstrated for building safety.
- A press notice has been issued by the HSE about the conference and can be found [here](#). The conference sessions and materials will be available online in the coming weeks.



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People and Skills

Collaborative Futures: Competence, Capability & Capacity

- This in-person event in July brought together the Construction Industry Council, Construction Leadership Council, Technical Apprenticeships Consortium, Supply Chain Sustainability School and the Edge. The theme delves into the shifting landscape of construction & the built environment and its effect on future education and training. It aimed to share best practices for educating and upskilling our workforce to ensure competence, increase capacity and enhance capability

Skills England

- The government has launched Skills England. This will bring together central and local government, businesses, training providers and unions to meet the skills needs of the next decade across all regions and, by working with the Migration Advisory Committee, will also help reduce reliance on overseas workers. The organisation will identify the training for which the Growth and Skills Levy will be accessible, giving businesses more flexibility to spend levy funds on training for the skills they

need. Skills England will be established in phases over the next 9-12 months. The first phase of Skills England's launch involves setting up the organisation in shadow form within the DfE, and starting work on an assessment of future skills needs while building strong relationships with employers. A permanent board, Chair and CEO will be appointed in due course. Through the Skills England Bill, the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (IfATE) functions will transfer to Skills England, as part of the new organisation's broader remit. IfATE will continue its important work in the interim as the transition of functions to Skills England is finalised.

- Through the People and Skills Network and the Construction Skills Delivery Group, CLC will work with government on the construction sector's engagement with Skills England as it develops.



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