

# Architects Registration Board

## 3 Year Strategic Plan

### Purpose

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ARB's primary purpose is to deliver the Architects Act.

### Aims

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The Board has identified two strategic aims from the Act which underpin our core work.

**Protect the users and potential users of architects' services:**

We will protect the users and potential users of architects' services by regulating architects so that the public can be confident that architects are appropriately qualified. We will raise the public's awareness of the Register.

**Support architects through regulation:**

We will maintain and publicly demonstrate the status of architects as competent, qualified professionals, and we will regulate use of the title "architect". We will raise awareness of the Architects Code of Conduct and Practice and the need to maintain competence.

### Strategic Objectives

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In addition to this core work, ARB has identified four strategic objectives for delivery in the years 2019-2021.

#### 1. Organisational Excellence

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We will deliver efficiencies and improve performance in way that does not sacrifice accessibility, by:

- Inducting and embedding a smaller, all appointed Board;
- Delivering an IT strategy which will provide efficiencies both in cost and time;
- Ensuring that ARB has a properly resourced, trained and motivated staff team;

- Having in place a financial plan which allows for the delivery of ARB's obligations without placing undue burdens on the profession.

## 2. Exit from the European Union

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We will respond to the UK's changing relationship with Europe and the Rest of the World in a way which continues to protect consumers and supports architects through regulation, by:

- Ensuring that the key strategic decisions required to operate effectively during the implementation period (if appropriate) and post EU-exit are addressed and that the executive has sufficient resource to deliver what is required;
- Setting the strategy for a fundamental review of our registration and regulation framework, once the terms of the UK's exit from the EU are known;
- Ensuring that the key risks and opportunities arising from EU-exit are recognised.

## 3. Access to the Register

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We will review the requirements for entry to and retention on the Register of Architects, by:

- Completing a review of how individuals can gain access to the Register of Architects;
- Undertaking a review of how architects' ongoing competence should be regulated.

## 4. Strengthen Relationships

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We will improve ARB relationships and communications with the public, the profession and other key stakeholders, by:

- Devising and delivering a three year strategy to raise awareness of the Register of Architects;
- Carrying out market research to identify the needs of our stakeholders and measure our success in meeting them;
- Creating a stakeholder engagement strategy.