



Subject Mid-year report on the delivery of the 2017 Business Plan
Purpose For Note
From Operational Management Group (OMG)

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1. Summary

To note and discuss mid-year performance against the 2017 Business Plan.

2. Open

Open Session

3. Contribution to the Board's Purpose and Objectives

In delivering the Act, ARB's objectives are to protect the users and potential users of architects' services and support architects through regulation. These objectives are then reflected within the priorities and Business Plan set for each year. The Business Plan sets the programme of work for the year in order to achieve ARB's objectives and the review of performance against the Business Plan enables the Board to provide effective oversight.

4. Key Points

- i. The Board sets a business plan and budget each year and receives twice yearly updates on ARB's key areas of performance, typically in February and July. In addition to this report, the latest update on operational performance for the first half of 2017 is included elsewhere on the Board's agenda for noting.
- ii. The Board is asked to note **Annex A** which includes an update on ARB's delivery to date against the Business Plan between January and June 2017. Comments have been made in relation to the actions expected and the measures of success worked towards.
- iii. As part of the Board development day and May 2017 meeting, the OMG was asked to identify any items within the 2017 Business Plan that could be deferred to 2018 or beyond. This was so ARB would have sufficient time and resource to effectively deal with the challenges brought by the publication of the Periodic Review, introduction of apprenticeships, and the implications of the UK's departure from the European Union.
- iv. Details of those items proposed for deferral can be found at agenda item 10.

5. Resource Implications

A need for additional staff resource has been identified in order for high-performance delivery of the Business Plan to continue. Further details of this additional requirement are detailed at agenda item 10 of the Board papers.

6. Risk Implications

A failure to deliver the Business Plan effectively could impact on ARB's objectives and ARB's statutory functions.

7. Communication

ARB establishes an annual business plan, which outlines the work needed during the year to support and deliver ARB's objectives, and underpin its priorities. The review against the business plan assists the Board in providing oversight of ARB's delivery of the plan.

8. Equality and Diversity Implications

None identified over and above the relevant section of the Business Plan.

9. Further Actions

Work will continue to deliver the stated objectives by the end of 2017 and into 2018 as appropriate.