



Subject	Chair's Report
Status	Open Session
Purpose	To report on the Chair's activities from May to July 2018
From	Chair

1. Hackitt Review

As you will be aware following our briefing session on 2 July 2018, the work on the competence of professionals arising from the Hackitt Review into the building safety is underway. Richard and I will be chairing the group dedicated to the competence work stream for architects and building designers and we will keep you updated on progress.

On 20 June 2018, I attended a workshop with the Head of Qualifications and Governance, and Registrar, with 34 other members of the steering group. Dr Angus Law, from Edinburgh University, facilitated the workshop where the group set out to establish a practical approach for managing cross-discipline discussions and set out the ethics the group would adhere to.

2. Professional Standards

On 22 June 2018 I spent some time with the Professional Standards team. I was given an insight into the work they do to regulate title misuse as well as how complaints about architects are managed from entry point to hearing. The range of activity undertaken by such a small team gave me further confidence that we are a highly efficient organisation with staff capable of taking on a range of different types of task.

I have now visited each of the operational teams and learned about the day to day operations. I would recommend other Board members seek to do so too at some stage, as it has given me a valuable insight into the day to day work they undertake. It has also enabled me to talk to a variety of team members. I have suggested to the Registrar that it would also be useful for the Board to hear from the operational teams about their work and I hope we can arrange this after the next Board meeting.

3. Public Chairs Forum

On 6 June 2018 I attended a seminar on how to make public boards more inclusive and diverse. Oliver Dowden MP talked about the government's ambitious targets to improve diversity as set out in their diversity action plan. We had a useful discussion with the Public Appointments Commissioner, Peter Riddell, about how to attract and retain talent on public

boards. I was also impressed by Dr Neslyn Watson-Druee who gave a personal perspective about her experiences of public sector roles. A mentoring scheme for potential candidates is being implemented later this year. It was a positive experience and I am hopeful that this important issue is a priority for government.

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