



Subject	Chair's Report
Status	Open Session
Purpose	To report on the Chair's Activities from July to September 2018
From	The Chair

1. ARB/RIBA Liaison Meeting

Karen Holmes, Registrar and Chief Executive and I met with Ben Derbyshire (RIBA President), Alan Jones (President elect/ Vice President, Education, RIBA) and Adrian Dobson (Executive Director, Professional Services) on 16 August 2018. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss matters of common interest. These included planning for the UK's exit from the European Union, the progress of the reviews of the Criteria and Procedures for Prescription of Qualifications and the importance of having a robust professional regulation system together with a strong professional body. I am pleased that there was a consensus in relation to the RIBA sharing our objective to keeping the Criteria for Procedures and Qualifications in common. The RIBA are keen to re-engage with ARB.

2. Meeting with the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG)

As part of the Ministry's stakeholder engagement initiative, the Permanent Secretary, Melanie Dawes, has been meeting with the Chairs of the MHCLG's Arm's Length Bodies in order to discuss matters of mutual strategic interest. I am meeting the Permanent Secretary in late August and will provide an update on 11 September 2018.

4. Board Member Appraisals

All of the annual appraisals are scheduled and these will be taking place throughout the Autumn. My appraisal this year will again be undertaken by Ewan Armstrong. Ewan undertook my appraisal last year and is familiar with the work of ARB. Board members are required to reflect on their performance when completing their appraisal form.

5. Hackitt Review – Steering Group on Competences for Building a Safer Future

Following our briefing session on 2 July 2018, work to move the relevant recommendations from the Hackitt Report in relation to the development of a competence framework for professionals working on higher risk residential buildings has commenced. The first meeting of 'Working Group 7' (which sits underneath the Steering Group) that Richard Parnaby and I are co-chairing is on 7 September. I will provide an update on the initial discussions at our Board meeting on 11 September.