



Board Meeting 17 December
2020
Agenda Item 24

Subject Business Plan 2021
Purpose For Decision
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1. Summary

The Business Plan for 2021 was provided to the Board in September 2020 for approval alongside the budget.

Whilst the work streams were approved, the Board asked for a review of the wording and re-ordering to ensure it was a more outward facing document.

Under our Framework Agreement with the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) we need to publish the Business Plan on our website by 31 December each year.

2. Recommendations

The Board is asked to:

- i. agree the wording for the 2021 Business Plan for publication (attached at **Appendix A**)

3. Open Session

4. Contribution to the Board's Purpose and Objectives

In delivering the Act, ARB's objectives are:

- Protect the users and potential users of architects' services
- Support architects through regulation

5. Key Points

Background

- i. In 2018 the Board decided that ARB should have four strategic objectives, deliverable over a three year period (from 2019-2021). These objectives are:

- Organisational Excellence
- Effective exit from the European Union
- Fit for purpose Register of Architects
- Strong Relationships

- ii. Under our Framework Agreement ARB is required to publish the Business Plan on our website by the end of the year.
- iii. The draft Business Plan, along with information on the Boards strategic projects, was sent to our Sponsor Lead at MHCLG 6 weeks prior to submission to the Board September 2020 (per the Framework Agreement) and any feedback has now been reflected within the document. Our Sponsor Lead confirmed that it aligned/didn't conflict with the Department's strategic objectives.
- iv. The Board requested that some of the language used and the order of the work areas should be reviewed to ensure that it was more outward focused.

6. Resource Implications

The Business Plan resource was agreed by the Board at its September 2020 meeting.

7. Risk Implications

A failure to deliver the organisation's statutory functions, strategic objectives or Business Plan and the additional external expectations ARB faces could adversely impact its stakeholders and reputation.

8. Communication

The Business Plan will be published on ARB's website and details will be included within the E-bulletin to the profession in January 2021.

9. Equality and Diversity Implications

There are no particular E&D implications arising from the recommendations to accept the business plan. However consideration of the opportunities offered by embracing equality, diversity and inclusion must, and will, be made in the planning and delivery of all of the objectives in line with our strategic statement.

10. Next Steps

To publish the Business Plan on the ARB website and provide content for the January 2021 E-Bulletin to the profession.