



Subject Extension of Appointment of Temporary Architect Board Member
Purpose For Decision
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1. Summary

To agree to extend the appointment of a temporary architect member of the ARB Board.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Board:

- i. agrees to further extend the appointment Stephen Brookhouse as a temporary architect Board member until 28 February 2021, subject to General Rule 11.1; and
- ii. notes that a further extension in line with General Rules 11.1 and 11.2 may be needed in due course.

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 by giving consumers confidence in ARB's ability to prescribe qualifications.

Support architects through regulation by providing effective prescription processes to maintain the integrity of the Register.

Ensuring that the Board is fully populated will contribute to ensuring that ARB's objectives can continue to be delivered effectively.

5. Key Points

- i. The Board originally appointed two temporary members, one architect and one lay, with effect from 1 April 2020 in line with the relevant provisions set out under Rule 11 of the Board's General Rules.

At the Board meeting held on 19 June 2020, it was reported that that these temporary appointments were originally expected to be for a period of three to four months, to cover delays in the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government's appointments processes as a result of the current national emergency, and the Board agreed an extension of the appointment of Mr Brookhouse until the 31 December 2020.

- ii. As set out above, Mr Brookhouse's appointment as a temporary architect Board member is currently due to expire on 31 December 2020, after commencing on 1 April 2020. General

Rule 11.1 sets out the conditions under which a temporary appointment will cease. General Rule 11.2 also explains the conditions under which temporary appointments can be extended further where needed. In line with the General Rules and on the basis it is anticipated that there will be a longer than anticipated delay to the permanent appointments, it is recommended that Mr Brookhouse's appointment be extended further, taking his appointment to the 28 February 2021, or until a permanent appointment is made (as set out under General Rule 11.1).

- iii. Due diligence was recently carried out by the Executive in relation to declarations of interest provided by and around social media posts made by the proposed appointees ahead of their original appointment as independent non-executive members of the Policy Committee and no concerning posts were identified. No issues have arisen since Mr Brookhouse's appointment to the Board as a temporary architect member.

The Board is asked to note the information provided and agree the recommendations set out in Section 2 of this paper.

6. Resource implications

All Board level expenditure is accounted for in the Board's budget for 2020.

7. Risk Implications

The Board should be properly resourced with membership selected from those who have appropriate skills, expertise and experience to ensure that the ARB's statutory responsibilities and objectives can continue to be fulfilled. Failure to populate the Board appropriately could impact on the Board's ability to deliver its statutory functions. The original recruitment exercise identified that the individual concerned has the skills, expertise and experience as set out in the essential competencies for the temporary architect Board member role. Temporary Board members are subject to the annual review process if they are in post at the time the reviews take place.

8. Communication

Due to a delay to permanent appointments being made, the Board took the decision to extend the appointment of the temporary architect Board member in line with the Architects Act 2020 in the interim. Relevant updates will be made to ARB's website once the details of the extension have been finalised.

9. Equality and Diversity Implications

Careful consideration has been given to equality, inclusion and diversity implications. Equality and Diversity data is collected at each stage of the appointments process and reviewed annually to ensure the appointments process is fair and accessible to as many people as possible.

10. Further Actions

Once the extension to the appointment has been confirmed an updated contract will be issued to Mr Brookhouse. Relevant updates will be made to ARB's website once the extension to the appointment has been finalised.